

NEGRO LYNCHED
THURSDAY NIGHT

Roosevelt Grigsby, age 20, who has been home from the Reformatory on a few months, after having served a term for attempted rape against another young white girl, of this city, was hanged in the courthouse yard on Thursday night at 8:30 after he had been forcibly taken from Sheriff C. D. Jackson's office by a mob following a written confession to the crime. It is reported that the note of the confession was dropped from the office of the sheriff. The lynching happened two hours and a half after the rape attempt had been made.

Kathryn McFadden, age 16, daughter of Geo. E. McFadden, defeated Republican candidate for Representative from Mississippi county and power of the Charleston Laundry, was on her way home accompanied by her little sister. They had crossed Cleveland street and were on North Elm street two blocks from their home when the negro youth attacked her, dragging her across the street. The cries of the girl aroused residents of the vicinity and the negro made a get-away.

Officers were immediately notified and the entire town was soon marshaled; all roads and by-ways policed to prevent any outgoing traffic.

The negro was found in his home and gave description, it is said, of two negro boys he saw running away from town. His composure, the report states, was excellent, he only showing such nervousness as might be expected of anyone accused of a sin or offense. Officers took him to the court house along with many others taken for questioning. Within half an hour after they had arrived at the office of the sheriff the confession had been made, it is reported, and the negro was in the hands of cutlery against all attempts of the law to prevent an outbreak.

The body was swung into midair from one of the trees on the east side of the court house where it hung several minutes. Later it was cut down, tied to the rear of an automobile and dragged through the streets of the negro district of Charleston and the final act took place at the intersection of Marshall and Elm streets, or where the East Prairie-Charleston concrete roads cross. There it was burned on a big bonfire. —Charleston Times.

Charleston, Dec. 19.—Roosevelt Grigsby, 20 years old, a negro porter, was hanged and his body burned by an infuriated mob of citizens here at 8:30 o'clock Thursday night, two and a half hours after he is alleged to have made an attempted criminal attack on a 16-year-old white girl. Overpowering Sheriff C. D. Jackson and eight deputies, who were questioning the negro in the courthouse, the mob said to have been heavily armed and estimated at from 200 to 700 persons, dragged the black from the building, hanged him on a limb of a tree in the courtyard, and after he was dead tied the body behind an automobile and dragged it through the streets of the negro section, later saturating it with gasoline and setting fire to it.

As the body of the black was hanging to the limb, some person in the mob fired a shot at it. After hanging for 30 minutes, while the mob stood nearby, the body was cut down and the end of the rope attached to the rear axle of a Ford touring car, and the body was pulled through the streets with the mob following close behind. At the intersection of the Sikeston and East Prairie roads, on the south side of the town, a huge fire was built, and the body, saturated with kerosene, was given to the flames.

The negro had just made a verbal confession to an attempted criminal attack on Kathryn McFadden, 16-year-old high school girl, when the mob which had surrounded the courthouse, immediately after his arrest along with a number of other suspects, broke open the door of the sheriff's office where Grigsby was being questioned, and overpowering the officers, dragged the accused man from the room, according to Sheriff Jackson. The officers attempted to interfere, according to the sheriff but were pushed aside.

The sheriff and his deputies followed the mob outside the building and saw the lynching. Sheriff Jackson, however, said that it was too dark to recognize members of the mob and that he was not sure of the identity of any of them.

The mob gathered at the courthouse soon after word of the attempted attack on the girl was heard. Of-

ficers under command of Sheriff Jackson started a round-up of suspects and arrested a number of negroes, Grigsby included. After questioning several were released. Grigsby, however, admitted his guilt; according to officers.

The attempted attack on the young high school girl took place in the center of a block on North Elm street, within two blocks of her home, and near the high school building. The girl, together with a younger sister, was returning from a confectionery, where she was employed after school hours.

The negro was hiding near a fence near the center of the block, according to the story told authorities by the girl, and as she passed, he leaped out, grabbed her and dragged her across the street toward a vacant lot. The girl and her sister screamed for help, and residents, living in that vicinity, hearing the screams, rushed from their homes.

W. E. Small, an attorney, who lives nearby, was one of the first to reach the scene, and he saw a negro fleeing as he approached. He was not able to identify the girl's assailant, he said, being able to see only his back.

The girl's clothes were partially torn from her body, and she was in a hysterical condition, although she told officers that she recognized her assailant.

She told officers, after she was taken to her home, that the negro was Grigsby. She recognized him, she said, because he formerly worked as a porter at the confectionery where she was employed.

A general round-up of negroes followed, and Grigsby was arrested at his home in the "bad lands"—the negro section on the south side of the town—by Deputy Sheriff Jess Gillespie, and taken to the courthouse for questioning.

By this time a mob had gathered and surrounded the building, blocking each exit and window. It was whispered about after a time that the negro had confessed to the crime, and leaders of the mob, more than 100 in number, rushed to the room where the black was being held, and overpowered the officers.

The negro made no attempt to escape, according to officers, and maintained his composure until he was dragged from the room when he cried out in fear.

On the outside of the building, he was assaulted by several members of the mob, and dragged over the ground to a tree on the east side of the building. A rope was produced, and as attempts were being made to place the noose over his head, someone struck him with what was said to have been the butt of a revolver. He was knocked unconscious by the blow, it is said, and as the rope was thrown over a limb 14 feet above the ground, and his body was drawn up, he did not appear to be conscious.

As the body swung back and forth, a shot was fired from the crowd, the bullet penetrating Grigsby's body. No other shots were fired, it was claimed.

After the body had hung suspended at the end of the rope for 30 minutes, it was cut down and attached to the rear of an automobile and dragged through the streets, the mob following close behind.

As the body was hurled on the fire, which was blazing furiously, there was a shout from the mob. The flames burned for several hours, and the mob was still congregated at the fire after midnight.

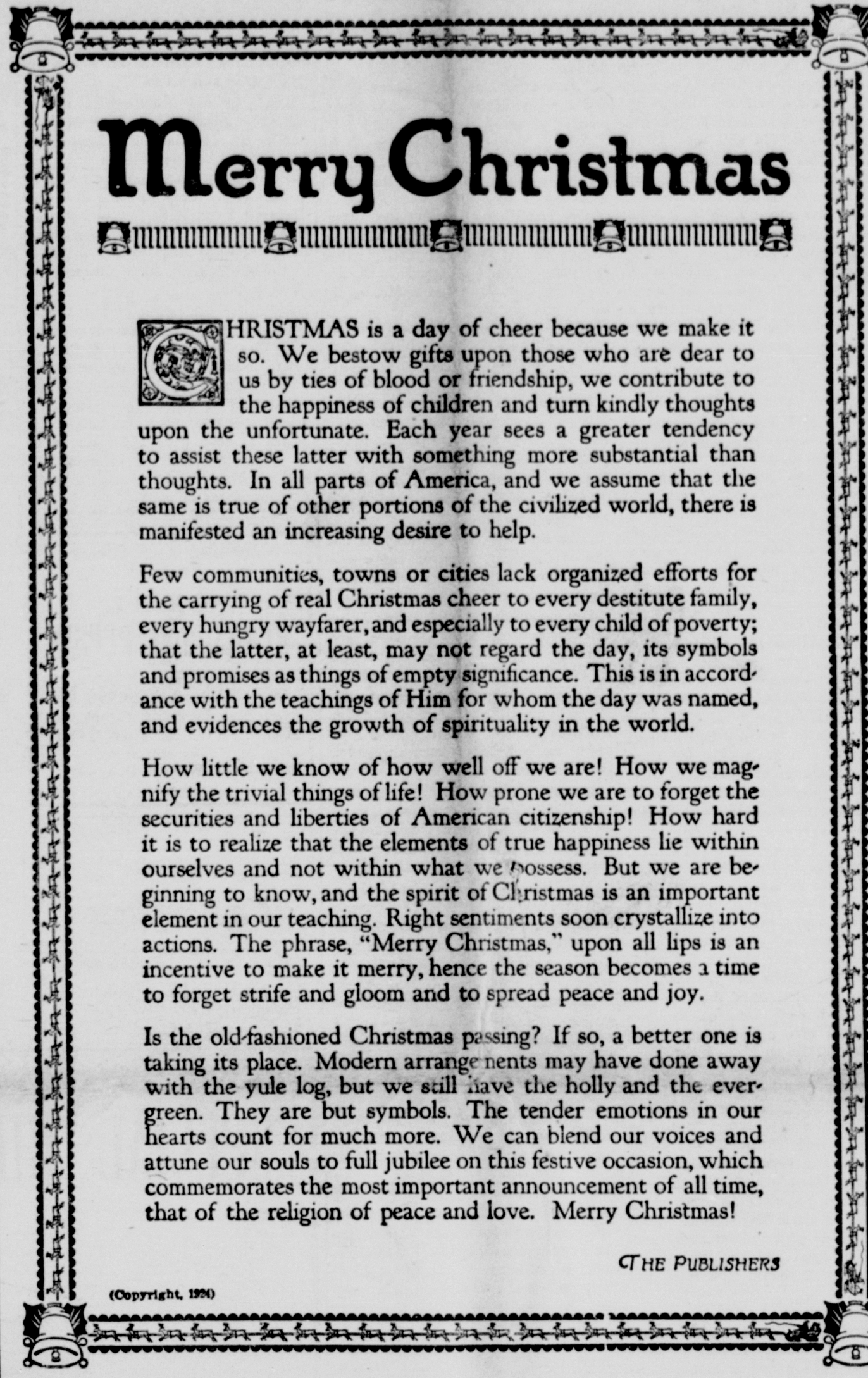
No other violence was attempted, according to officers, although several negroes are reported to have fled from the city when the mob gathered.

Grigsby is said by officers to have served a two-year term in the state reform school for an attempted criminal attack on Mrs. Nellie Martin, 3 years ago. Since his return from the reform school, he had been employed at odd jobs about the town, and worked for a time in the confectionery where the McFadden girl worked after school hours. He was the son of Jim Grigsby, chef at a local hotel.

The lynching, according to the belief of officers here, was the outgrowth of months of simmering trouble between the whites and negroes, many of the latter having come here within the past two years from the south.

The attempted attack on the girl was the second of that nature in two months, a negro several weeks ago insulting a Mrs. Drinkwater on a street here. He escaped, however, although an armed posse searched the town and adjoining country for several hours.

The negro was never apprehended. An effort was made to get to Mrs. Drinkwater Thursday night to identify him as her assailant, but it was



Merry Christmas



CHRISTMAS is a day of cheer because we make it so. We bestow gifts upon those who are dear to us by ties of blood or friendship, we contribute to the happiness of children and turn kindly thoughts upon the unfortunate. Each year sees a greater tendency to assist these latter with something more substantial than thoughts. In all parts of America, and we assume that the same is true of other portions of the civilized world, there is manifested an increasing desire to help.

Few communities, towns or cities lack organized efforts for the carrying of real Christmas cheer to every destitute family, every hungry wayfarer, and especially to every child of poverty; that the latter, at least, may not regard the day, its symbols and promises as things of empty significance. This is in accordance with the teachings of Him for whom the day was named, and evidences the growth of spirituality in the world.

How little we know of how well off we are! How we magnify the trivial things of life! How prone we are to forget the securities and liberties of American citizenship! How hard it is to realize that the elements of true happiness lie within ourselves and not within what we possess. But we are beginning to know, and the spirit of Christmas is an important element in our teaching. Right sentiments soon crystallize into actions. The phrase, "Merry Christmas," upon all lips is an incentive to make it merry, hence the season becomes a time to forget strife and gloom and to spread peace and joy.

Is the old-fashioned Christmas passing? If so, a better one is taking its place. Modern arrangements may have done away with the yule log, but we still have the holly and the evergreen. They are but symbols. The tender emotions in our hearts count for much more. We can blend our voices and attune our souls to full jubilee on this festive occasion, which commemorates the most important announcement of all time, that of the religion of peace and love. Merry Christmas!

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said that the description was not the same.

Officers said today that the mob assembled so quickly that efforts to call for assistance would have been futile, and that they had not been warned that the mob would attempt to take the negro from them. Sheriff Jackson said that he and his deputies all were armed, but did not get a chance to use their weapons when the mob forced the door to the room, and took charge of Grigsby.

Miss McFadden is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. McFadden. Her father is the manager of a local laundry, and was defeated at the last election for state representative on the Republican ticket.

Charleston, Dec. 19.—An immediate grand jury investigation of the lynching here Thursday night of Roosevelt Grigsby, a negro, for an alleged attempted criminal attack on a white girl, is to be demanded by Prosecuting Attorney J. C. McDowell, who announced today that he will confer with Attorney General Jesse W. Barrett to determine what action will be taken.

McDowell told The Missourian correspondent that he will ask for a special grand jury to be convened at once to investigate every phase of the lynching, and that he will make a complete investigation of the affair.

He explained that under the laws of Missouri it will be possible to try members of the mob, if they can be arrested, on charges of inciting a riot, or participating in a mob in which violence has been done. Conviction on any of the charges may result in Missouri it will be possible to try McDowell, to whom the verbal confession of the negro of the attack on the girl was made, and who was in the room which the mob stormed and Grigsby, said that he had been told that many members of the mob were

heartily armed and that at least one

shot was fired during the night. This phase of the lynching will also be investigated, he said, and charges of carrying concealed weapons may be filed against many of the members.

McDowell also said that he will ask the attorney general's office for assistance in the investigation and it is possible, he believed, that one of the assistants will be sent here to assist him in the probe.

Order had been restored here today. Last vestige of the mob had been cleared away before dawn and the entire town was quite except for little groups of citizens congregating in stores and business houses discussing the lynching.

Authorities do not fear a fresh outbreak of the rioting, and while deputy sheriffs will be kept on duty in various parts of the negro district, no attack on the negroes is expected.

It was said that a large number of negroes fled from the town during the rioting and have not returned.

Charleston, December 19.—The coroner's inquest into the death of Roosevelt Grigsby, 20-year-old negro, who was hanged and burned by a mob here last night, was held this afternoon, and a verdict of death at the hands of a mob whose identity is unknown was returned.

Grigsby had confessed an attack on Kathryn McFadden, 16-year-old high school girl, of this city.

The jury's verdict read:

"We, the coroner's jury, find that Roosevelt Grigsby, after a free and open confession of criminal assault upon the person of Kathryn McFadden, came to his death at the hands of persons unknown to us.

"Signed, S. P. Loebe, foreman, publisher, Charleston Times, and the president of the Chamber of Commerce; E. P. Deal, former State Treasurer; F. D. Lair, furniture dealer, and former president Chamber of Commerce; Paul B. Moore, former private secretary to Gov. Stephens, and former Representative from Mis-

issippi County; W. O. Cape and T. J. Clark".

Evidence was heard substantiating Grigsby's confession of the crime of criminally assaulting the daughter of George E. McFadden, late Republican candidate for Representative, while on her way home to supper.

The evidence of Sheriff C. D. Jackson, Deputy Sheriff Jesse Gillespie, was heard, and they said they and Prosecuting Attorney J. C. McDowell did everything in their power to prevent the tragedy. J. O. King, Dr. A. H. Marshall and Byron Howlett also testified.

Mrs. Jess Bowling left Friday night for St. Louis to spend Christmas holidays with relatives.

There will be a Christmas tree and program given at the Fairview school house, near Sikeston, Tuesday evening, December 23, to which the patrons and pupils will be present. Miss Fleta Kaizer is teacher at this school.

M. W. Shanks of near Matthews was in Sikeston Saturday and while here called and had The Standard marked up to January 1, 1926. Mr. Shanks reports that he made a little money from his cotton crop, but not what he hoped to do.

Each of the world's peoples have their own standards of modesty. Chinese women wear trousers and believe skirts immodest. Certain Mohammedan women of the Sahara region will tear off their last garments to cover their faces upon the approach of a stranger. The Breton maiden wears a close-fitting hat to prevent her hair from showing.

The Federal Supreme Court holds that a taxpayer, as a taxpayer, cannot maintain an action to restrain a government officer from performing his official acts. A Boston woman attempted to restrain the Secretary of the Treasury from paying out certain funds under the Sheppard-Towner Maternity Act, suing as a taxpayer and attacking the validity of the act.

SIKESTON MERCANTILE
CLOSES NOTABLE SALE

Friday, December 19, closed one of the most notable sales of merchandise ever attempted in Sikeston.

Several weeks ago, the managers of the Sikeston Mercantile Co. put on a sale that was to show the people of the Sikeston District that goods, the equal of any, could be sold here at home at the same price, and in some instances, at a less price than sold by the large mail order houses.

Large posters and newspaper advertising carried the word to every section of this trade territory and the response was more than gratifying to the managers. They had stocked up their large store with articles suitable to the trade of this section and kept before them large mail order catalogs that customers might compare quality and price and in no instance was a customer dissatisfied with the purchase, because they could examine the goods at hand and see that the price was as advertised.

The Sikeston Mercantile went the mail order house one better by giving thirty days credit to all entitled to credit, which no mail order house gives.

Their margin of profit during this sale and in future, was just as small as safe business would permit, and they believe it better to turn their money often on a small profit there by making money for the purchaser as well as the seller. Every clerk in this store has been given instructions to be patient and courteous to all and to take the time and trouble to compare goods with a like-kind offered by mail order houses. This sort of treatment has proven very satisfactory to customers who wish to be shown.

When the big sale was first announced it was stated that an automobile would be given away to some one of their customers on the closing day of the sale. At 3:30 o'clock Friday afternoon the announcement was made that E. O. Shelby of Sikeston had been given the car.

The management of this store intend to conduct their store on the Clean Competition basis to give a dollar's worth of value for every dollar taken in, and in that way win friends from every section of this trade territory. This sale has been very gratifying to all concerned, and other merchants of Sikeston have likely benefitted by the liberal advertising this store has put out to bring people to the city.

WHITE FRONT CANDY
KITCHEN BURNED

The White Front Candy Kitchen owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Shepherd, caught fire Friday afternoon and was soon a mass of flames. The fire truck responded, but could do little to put out the blaze as the building was but a flimsy frame affair. There was no one in the room at the time and the fire is supposed to have caught from an electric wire. The loss to Mr. Shepherd, including the building, was between \$2500 and \$3000 with but little, if any, insurance.

The west half of the building was used by X. Schneider as a popcorn and hamburger stand, but he succeeded in getting his popper out of the building.

This is a hard loss to the Shepherd's as they have labored long to accumulate the stock of goods.

MRS. LEON HEISSERER
DIES AT BENTON

Benton, December 19.—Mrs. Catherine Heisserer, wife of Leon Heisserer, prominent landowner, died at her home here at 7:30 a. m. today after a long sickness. She had been treated at a St. hospital for several weeks, and was brought back here recently.

Mrs. Heisserer, who was 29 years old, was the daughter of the late Senator William Hunter of Benton, and was highly esteemed in this community, where she had resided all her life. She was married to Robert Norrid seven years ago, and after his death was wedded to Mr. Heisserer, who, with one son, survive her.

She is also survived by two brothers, Len Hunter of Caruthersville, and W. J. Hunter of Benton; one sister, Mrs. r. P. Haw of Benton.

Funeral service will be conducted in the Catholic church here Sunday afternoon, interment will be in the cemetery here.

BANDITS ADMIT
BANK ROBBERY

Benton, Dec. 18.—Acting on information alleged to have been given in a confession of three participants in the holdup and robbery of the Bank of Vanduser at Vanduser last June, Deputy Sheriff Tom Scott today arrested Tom Bugg, former cashier of the institution and locked him in jail on charge of complicity in the latest robbery of the bank.

Bugg was arrested at his home near Vanduser, where he has been living since his acquittal by a jury in circuit court here two years ago in connection with the failure of the bank a year ago.

Three men, two of whom took part in the actual robbery of the bank last June, have confessed to officers here, it was revealed, admitting their connection with the robbery. It was reported that they have appeared before the grand jury and have incriminated at least one other man in the holdup.

The men who are said to have confessed are: Ben McSerron, Clarence Parsons and "Red" Beeson, three of the four men who are being held in connection with the robbery.

It was said by authorities today that the men have agreed to plead guilty to the robbery charge, and have withdrawn the applications for change of venue in the cases, which would have sent them to the Cape Girardeau County Circuit Court for trial. It was also said that they would testify against Bugg, when he is brought to trial.

Court is not in session, but will reconvene on Monday when it is expected the men will be brought into court.

Bugg was cashier of the Vanduser bank when it was burned three years ago, and at the time when it was said to have been robbed.

He was indicted several months after the bank failed on charges of embezzlement but was acquitted.

Soon after the robbery of the bank last June 27, authorities have been working on the theory that the bandits, all from southern Illinois, had assistance from some resident in the county.

AMUSEMENT PARK
AN ASSURED FACT

Something like \$25,000 has been pledged toward the building and operating an amusement park on the first ditch to the east of Sikeston. Several acres of ground has already been optioned and a meeting of the stockholders was held Monday night of this week to elect officers and lay out plans for the erection of the buildings and digging the pool for bathing. At this time The Standard is unable to give the list of concessions that will be allowed on the ground except to say that no gambling devices or skin games will be permitted.

The program of entertainment, as printed heretofore in The Standard, lists conventions of all sorts, picnics for school children from surrounding counties and meetings of a like nature.

It is more than likely that Col. A. A. Ebert will be selected as manager as he has had a wide experience in organizing and promoting, and is a live wire that will help build up this community.

All roads lead to Sikeston and with the early summer these grounds will be ready for such entertainments as Southeast Missouri care to have. This venture should have the co-operation of all our merchants as it will bring to Sikeston thousands of visitors throughout the summer months.

Mrs. B. F. Blanton and children left Monday for Kansas City, where they will visit with Mrs. Blanton's parents during the holidays.

One day recently, while making experiment in the laboratory in the Scott County Mill, a bottle containing ether exploded, cutting the face of the assistant chemist, Everett Wiedeman.

About a year ago Will Alexander, colored, left Dell, Ark., with the wife of Harvey Montgomery. They came to the Sikeston vicinity and lived as man and wife under name of Anderson Olden. Saturday afternoon Harvey Montgomery, the injured husband, came to Sikeston, found his ex-wife and caused the arrest of Alexander or Olden. Suppose he was charged with black slavery as the law would call it, white slavery if a white man would bring a woman from one state into another and live with her.

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OUR GREAT DISGRACE

The outrage upon the good name of Southeast Missouri enacted at Charleston Thursday night must have the most prompt and thorough attention the officers of the law can give it. This much, at least, is demanded by the law abiding people of this great district, and any failure to bring the guilty parties promptly to law will not be tolerated. This does not mean that the ability or the good intentions of the officers is questioned, but it means that the law abiding people of this district stand ready to support them to a finish.

The men who did the job, regardless of their standing, must be prosecuted to the limit. The question of the negro's guilt, and the heinousness of his crime, have nothing to do with it. One crime does not justify a still greater one, and the only way to make such conduct unpopular is to punish the guilty ones. The mob probably contained some alleged prominent men of assumed standing in the community and it is this class that must be used as the example to warn others against breaking the law.

The criminals must be punished. There must be no delay and no beating around the bush. The officers of the law have an opportunity to demonstrate their worth as public officials. The whole world now looks in horror upon Southeast Missouri and our good name must be upheld.

Already there are men arguing that the only way to bring justice to such monsters as the negro is thru mob action. The courts can no longer be depended upon, they argue as they recite miscarriage after miscarriage of justice. And it must be admitted that this condition does have direct bearing upon such outbreaks.

In Cape Girardeau a young man who probably had had some drinks was shot and killed because he did some loose talking. He was not armed but a jury dismissed the slayer on a self-defense plea.

On a Sunday morning, a young man walked along a street when another young man in an automobile rode up and began firing. The first man fell to the sidewalk, whereupon the man in the auto got out and walking to the prostrate body, fired more shots into it. Although the dead man had no weapon upon him, the slayer was never even put in jail and went free upon a plea of self-defense "through an agreement among the lawyers".

An elderly woman and a little granddaughter, were walking along a paved road when a rapidly moving automobile struck them. The woman was killed and carried several blocks on the hood of the automobile. The little girl was mangled and crippled. The men in the auto said they didn't know anything serious had happened and through an "agreement" of the lawyers a light fine settled the case.

Not long ago a man out in the country shot and killed a boy who was not armed, and upon a plea of self-defense a jury promptly excused him.

Rich Chenille Bag



A gift that is sure to be cherished is shown in the rich shopping bag pictured. It is crocheted of brown chenille with gay flowers introduced on one side. The band and handles at the top are of brown suede leather, and the bag is lined with brown silk. Silk cords slip through slashes in the suede band, to close the bag, and the handle ends are concealed under little triangles of leather.

A boy who had been arrested for speeding in St. Louis on different occasions ran into a safety zone and killed a woman. There was no excuse whatever for the killing. But in drawing the indictment the wrong language was used and the supreme court dismissed the case.

The Lem Motlow case in St. Louis, in which this monster resented having a negro Pullman car porter ask him to refrain from swearing in the presence of women and gentlemen, and then shot and killed the white conductor, being excused by a jury on the ground that he did not intend to kill the conductor, was a most glaring example of what money will do to thwart justice.

Just recently the supreme court for the second time sent a murder case back for retrial in Taney county. Several years ago two men shot and killed a man 64 years of age for throwing rocks at them. They said they shot him six times to keep him from killing them with rocks. Because the trial judge instructed the jury improperly, the supreme court upset the case twice and it will go for naught.

A negro in St. Louis killed a policeman in cold blood. He was tried and sentenced to prison for life. The supreme court reversed the case because of a slight technicality.

These are just a few recent cases that show why so many people have little faith in the courts.

And it is such cases as these that bait men into taking the law into their own hands.

As has been pointed out before the laws are to blame. The laws, made by lawyers who have no regard for the public, and who work solely in the interest of the lower grade of practitioners, make the laws and see that they are confusing. The Legislature is always packed with this brand of lawyers and consequently the laws are so confusing that it is nearly impossible to bring any case to a prompt, equitable conclusion.

It is this question that the Missouri Bar Association is now considering. Just recently the prosecuting attorneys of Missouri met at Jefferson City to see what might be done, and it's said that a renewed effort will be made at the coming session of Legislature to have the criminal laws clarified.

Members of the Legislature from Southeast Missouri can render no greater service than to fight for a clarification of the laws, this work to be done by lawyers who are known to have the best interests of the people at heart.—Cape Missourian.

The way to look at the matter of the lynching of a negro for assaulting or attempting to assault a white woman is to think of your mother, your wife, sister or daughter. Death to a white woman is preferable and death to the negro must be swift and impressive.

You can tell the cock-eyed world that The Standard editor is with the citizens of Charleston for rising up and destroying the beast who waylaid a young woman of their city and attempted a criminal assault. This brute was but recently released from the reform school where he had served a term for attempted assault on another white woman. A few weeks ago a negro criminally assaulted a married woman of that city and made his escape, probably this same brute, and no white man can sit still and "let the law take its course" when such acts are committed.

Charleston has had more favorable publicity in the past week than for a long time—all brought about by 12 or 15 husky High School lads known as the "Charleston Blue Jays". The High School Champions of St. Louis, with its million population, held no terrors for these rural athletes. The Blue Jays matched their nerves, muscles and wits against the city chaps and won out because they played better football. It is said the B. J.'s were complimented highly on their playing by their opponents. We like to hear such news as that about our boys and commend their courageous spirit to some "older boys" in Southeast Missouri who need a stimulant.—F. D. Lair.

December is the outstanding month of the year. It is the only month in the year that makes us go through heartfelt emotions. It brings to many sadness because they lack the good portions of life. It brings to others happiness, cheerfulness, joy and uncounted pleasures. It brings to the giver contentment. It brings to the needy cheerfulness and to those others sadness because they are forgotten. It brings to some food, to others treasures, and some tears for the ones that are not here. It is a month of anticipation. A month, that brings love for one another. It is a month of handshakes and cigars. It is the biggest month for the kiddies of all the months in the year. And of all it has one day in it that brings us close to our Lord.—McAdams in Post-Dispatch.

PLAN IS WORKING NICELY

The Standard's noiseless money-saving subscription campaign goes merrily on, growing in volume as the days go by, the front office being frequently rushed attending to subscribers, entering credits and giving receipts. The high-class readers of The Standard seem to appreciate our unusual offer which enables them to save a dollar instead of giving away commissions and prizes to solicitors that make life a burden until the prospect surrenders to their entreaties and winsome manner. Under our plan we both save money, the subscriber saving 75c and we saving a great outlay of cash for commissions and expensive prizes. Hundreds of old subscribers have renewed and scores of new names have been added to our already magnificent list of appreciative and appreciated readers, and exceeding our most sanguine expectations. Remember, the opportunity to save seventy-five cents on a year's renewal in advance or to enter your name on our list as a new subscriber, will expire January 15, 1925, after which time our regular rates will be again installed.

The plan was not primarily one to secure new subscribers, the intention being rather to hold out an inducement to present readers to pay up whatever arrearage there might be and renew their subscriptions. It is much preferable that subscriptions be paid in that manner and in a great many instances payments are made only to date. Therefore we hoped to induce advance payments by dividing the cost with the subscribers.

There doubtless are a number of our readers who have not found it convenient to come to our office to renew their subscriptions and who may not realize just what their date of expiration is. In order that all may know and to make it easy for them to take advantage of the liberal offer we expect to send a statement to all who have not yet paid within the next few days.

The verdict in the Motlow case in St. Louis, in the Adams case at Benton, and a hung jury in the case of the negro caught with two suit cases full of liquor here in Skeston, were jury decisions that shake the confidence of the public in "justice". If either of the victims of the two first above-named have sons or brothers they should give a little sample of Kentucky justice to these killers.

It has come to the attention of The Standard that a family of negroes and a family of whites are occupying the same house in the Saledo vicinity. Likewise, it was necessary for either the black or white family to pass through the sleeping quarters of the other to reach the kitchen where both families cook. Such conditions should not exist and the landowners of that section should look into the matter.

Yes, we know the cotton crop "blew up" to some extent, but even at that, there has been a lot of money paid out for cotton, and there is a lot of cotton in the fields yet waiting for willing hands to pick it out. But suppose things are NOT what we would have them, are we to lay down on the job and join in with the bellyachers and help to make things worse than they really are? The fellow in business in Southeast Missouri today is not willing to deny himself luxuries and FIGHT his way through has no license to make the landing called "Success". And the chances are he will not make it.—F. D. Lair in Charleston Courier.

In the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries the thumb was the fashionable "ring-finger". The genuine ruby is obtained from the mineral known as corundum, being the pure crystalline variety of corundum. Emery, the abrasive, is an impure form of corundum.

A third of the automobiles in the United States are owned by farmers. Eighty-five per cent of the farmers of the Middle West own cars, while fifty per cent of the Atlantic Coast farmers are owners.

Put a piece of mignollette and a rose together in a vase. Within half an hour each will make a perfume "gas attack" upon the other. In the battle of odors both flowers will lose their freshness and scent. Separate them and each will revive at once.

Jews in Palestine are going back to the old Hebrew names. Goldman is becoming Zahabit; Silverman is becoming Kaspi; Bumberg becomes Parehi; and Goldman becomes Haklai. Names like Sapiro, Cohen and Levy remain unchanged; they are already Hebrew.

C. F. Braden, of Eola, Texas, is authority for the statement that turkeys will not eat corn when they can obtain haws, grapes, acorns and other wild fruits and bugs. Mr. Braden raises hundreds of turkeys for the market that never saw corn, wheat, barley or other grain but grew and fattened on weeds and bugs.

MID-NIGHT MASS AT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

On Christmas eve at midnight, a high mass sung by the choir, will be celebrated in St. Francis Xavier's Church. It will be Haydn's Mass. It is only on such important feast days, as the Nativity of Our Divine Lord that Mass is celebrated at midnight, as the rule ordinarily prescribes that the sacrifice of the Mass should not be offered before the dawn of day.

The second Mass will be at seven and the last Mass at nine, which will also be sung by the choir.

All are welcome at any time to be present at Catholic services and on this occasion a special invitation is extended to all.

The members of the choir: Mesdames Adams, Bowman, Blanton, Misses Bertha Welter, Eulah Frazier, Margaret Clymer, Messrs. E. F. and F. L. Schorle, Miss Clara Mueller at the organ.

Seven years ago aluminum sold for \$7 an ounce and was advertised as "silver from clay".

Bauxite takes its name from the French hamlet of Baux, ten miles east of Arles, on the lower Rhone.

When Sir Isaac Newton was writing his "Principia" he lived on a scanty allowance of bread and water and vegetable diet.

"Horses must go!" is now the slogan of Chicago, except on a few specified streets where they will not interfere with traffic.

Dry weather and lack of food have driven bears to seek the rural sections of Oregon. Orchards are raided and food stolen from campers.

An old silver mine has been rediscovered on Catalina Island and two carloads of ore, realizing \$300 to each carload, have been shipped to San Francisco.

Despite his huge bulk, an elephant can glide along as quietly as a cat or a fox in the dense jungles which constitute his home, according to a recently returned hunter.

A collection of coins identified a dating back to the time of Genuluf a Mercian king who ruled about A. D. 800, was discovered in a cave near Peakland, Derbyshire, England, recently.

The late Herr Krupp, the German armament magnate, a maker of death-dealing devices him elf, had a horror of the word "death", and he would not permit the word to be mentioned in his presence.

"In California out of thirty-five rabbits that we investigated, we found only three who were handling their wines without irregularity", said Federal Prohibition Director San Rutter at San Francisco.

Certain African tribes smelt iron ore in furnaces which bear a remarkable resemblance to the great blast furnaces of the civilized world, except they are in miniature and crud in their operation. In both instances the stacks are shaped alike and blast of air is driven in to increase the heat.

PAINS IN BACK

Arkansas Lady Says Mother Gave Her Cardui and She Had No More Trouble of This Kind.

Lamar, Ark.—Mrs. Edith Seeman here, recently made the following statement describing her experience in the use of Cardui:

"I had pain in my back and sides; had sick headaches and my nose would bleed. I couldn't sit up at all.

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The game of poker was known to the Persians thousands of years ago. The eagle was first used on American money in 1795 when Congress authorized the issuance of a gold coin worth \$10.

Aerial photography has become so important in recent years that dredging companies and others whose work requires drawings are using photographs taken from the air instead of blue prints and maps.

The city of Natchitoches, Louisiana, is a good roads town. In addition to the Louisiana Purchase Highway, now under way, there are three other national highways converging in this city. They are the Jefferson Highway from Winnipeg to New Orleans, the Lone Star Trail from Jacksonville to Los Angeles and the Lake to the Gulf Trail from Chicago to Lake Charles.

Extensive limitation of the Danish army and navy to the extent of practical disarmament is proposed in a bill introduced in the Rigsdag by the Danish Minister of Defense. The bill would abolish general enlistment for military service and all soldiers would return to civil life. All forts would be dismantled and the material and land would be used for other government purposes or sold.

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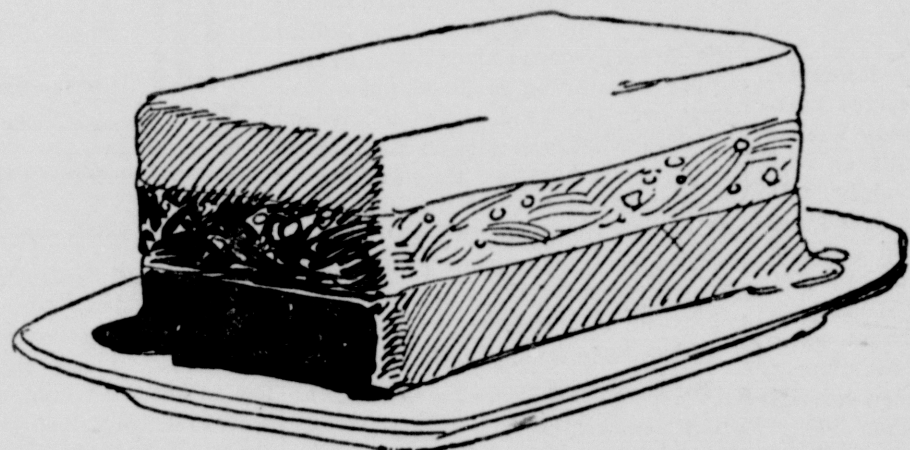
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The stores were ablaze with bright lights, Holly wreaths and red ribbons were lavishly displayed. It just seemed as if everybody had dipped deep into Christmas cheer and had done their best to make this the gladdest Christmas season ever.

The busy shoppers were hurrying along, but nothing was escaping the keen-eyed youngsters. The Santa Claus on the corner, with his long, white whiskers, loose, red jacket and big boots, seemed even more interesting than usually. 'Twas in the air, the Christmas cheer.

Just outside a jewelry store a crowd was gathered around a man selling those little tin mice which run by electric power. We could hear the vender's "See, they're all alive", and hear the laughter of his audience. An old man stopped. He wore no overcoat; his clothes were threadbare. He did not even have gloves to cover his long, thin hands, and the air was crisp, even biting. He edged nearer and nearer to the crowd and gently but firmly gained a place in the inner circle. His face lighted up with a most benign smile at the demonstration which was going on, and when the sidewalk merchant said, "Barrels of fun for a dime, ten cents", the elderly gentleman took from his pocket a well-worn purse, and, opening it, had little trouble in finding a thin piece, which he handed over, in exchange for the toy. Then, with his treasure tightly clasped in his hand, he withdrew and cheerfully went his way. 'Twas the spirit of Christmas. Only ten cents, but it meant a lot to him. Oh, yes, but it would make some little one glad and give him joy for many an hour.

It is this spirit that we feel stirring within us right now. Not so much the giving of gifts as the desire to give in a way that will express a warm, true and sincere heart.

The gift with no sentiment behind is cold, metallic, leaden, for, "The gift without the giver is bare"; but if back of it lies a soul that wears a pleasing smile and has a kindly word or sweet sympathy, then the intrinsic value of the gift fades into insignificance, for after all, the greatest gift that can ever be given is one that rich and poor, great and humble, can give without loss, but with immense gain—the gift of service. In proportion as we give our lives broaden and deepen and we become conscious of a grander and wider usefulness and more expansive faith in mankind.

We should keep a secure hold on the inspiration and big-heartedness in the Christmas atmosphere and live so that we shall get the most out of life and scatter cheer, then we will give truly the great gift of service.

The universal joy of Christmas is wonderful. You cannot cut Christmas out of memory's calendar, nor blot its gladness from your heart.

I trust that no little child of Skeston or vicinity will fail to receive a visit from Santa Claus this Christmas, also that those who may happen to be sick receive word of cheer and comfort.

Whereas, Thursday, December 25, 1924, is Christmas day and it is fitting and proper that Christian people everywhere should hallow this day by appropriate notice thereof.

I, therefore, request that all the merchants of the City of Skeston close their places of business during the entire day, and that our people devote the day to general enjoyment to which the day is entitled and to Divine Reverence.

In the whirl of business we should stop long enough at this time to elevate our thoughts to the true spirit of Christmas-tide—that spirit of good will and kindness toward all, so that we may thoroughly enjoy its peace and blessings.

The last cycle of 1924 is fast fading into history. The new year will soon be upon us, with new duties, new conflicts, new opportunities. Let us resolve now that 1925 is going to be a happy, progressive year for all of us, full of good cheer and genuine helpfulness and with a kind thought for everyone.

Wishing you one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

C. E. FELKER, Mayor

**A Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year to All**

VALLEY FORGE.

In the Revolutionary War, Valley Forge was the Gethsemane of that conflict. After the defeat of the Colonial forces at Brandywine and Germantown, during the late summer and autumn of 1777, both Washington and Sir William Howe, the latter being the British commander at that time, looked for suitable places at which to spend the winter.

Howe then held Philadelphia, the country's first city, and there he let his forces settle down for a season of quiet, gaiety and comfort. They seem to have had a very good time. The record, a not very proud one, is that the Philadelphians who remained in the city, where the Liberty Bell just a year and a half before had proclaimed the Declaration of Independence, did little to keep the invaders from enjoying the season to the full. In fact, Tory sentiment probably was predominant among the remaining residents of the city. And even others who were not Tory could not always resist the temptation represented by the good money spent freely by the invaders.

One of Washington's biggest trials was to keep good Americans from selling supplies to the British forces in preference to their own army which could pay for them only in script of doubtful value. In Philadelphia, the season teemed with balls and dinners and fetes in which natives joined freely with the invaders.

Meanwhile, Washington's ragged soldiers starved and froze at Valley Forge only twenty miles away. For in selecting and organizing his winter quarters Washington could give little thought to the requirements of comfort. He had to be in position to watch the opposing forces and to keep them from making raids in the rich farming section west of Philadelphia.

So Washington's rendezvous was Valley Forge, which was nothing but a group of wooded hills where what is known as the Valley stream pours into the Schuylkill River. There was not even a village as at present. There were good farm houses in the vicinity but only enough of them to supply quarters for Washington and other high officers.

The writer recently visited the place, which once was remote from lines of easy travel but now on account of good roads is easily accessible. It lies only a few miles from the old Lancaster pike section of the Lincoln Highway, from which motorists may turn and quickly view the most romantic and most tragic spot associated with the history of the War of Independence.

Valley Forge remains very much as it was in Revolutionary times. Though not far from a large city, its environs have not been greatly marred by "progress". There is a village population of a hundred or two, and substantial farmhouses built of stone by the original Quaker and Welsh settlers still are in the majority.

Although it had nothing to do with the selection of the place as a military camping ground, Washington might have hunted far and wide without finding a better expression of natural beauty than was and still is there. The army lived among the trees on rolling hills which rise

gracefully from a deep and shadowy ravine wherein General Headquarters were situated. Most of the trees still stand, and here and there among them one finds the marks of forts and trenches which were set up for the purposes of defense. These are about the only specific relics of the encampment which remain. Though several hundred and probably several thousand troops died and were buried there, the grave of only one of them is known or is marked!

When the troops, much heartened by events which occurred while they held out at Valley Forge, took to the field again the camp ground passed back to its private owners and was handed down from generation to generation. The State of Pennsylvania acquired it and made of it a memorial park, which is dotted with monuments and markers. The residence in which Washington lived and exercised command stands in the ravine near where the old forge was operated. The house then used as an army bakery is now a part of a hotel structure. Scattered through the woods are replicas of the log huts in which officers and men of the line lived. They are tiny structures of log and mud. The Federal Government has had nothing to do with preserving the historic spot, but has erected several monuments there, among them being a magnificent memorial arch in honor of George Washington.

Surviving records do not show exactly how many were encamped there. The number probably fluctuated between five and eleven thousand. It comprised the greater part of the Revolutionary Army at that time.

Many evidently spent part of the winter at home on furloughs, some no doubt deserted, and many died. New recruits were added to the force, however, especially during the latter part of the Valley Forge experience. John Marshall, afterward Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, who was a lieutenant there, wrote from Valley Forge in midwinter:

"Although the total of the army exceeds 17,000 men, the present rank and file amounts to only 5,012". On February 1, 1778, there were 3,989 of these unfit for duty for want of clothes. Sixteen days later, Washington wrote to Governor Clinton of New York:

"For some days past there has been little less than a famine in camp. A part of the army has been a week without any kind of flesh, and the rest three or four days. Naked and starved as they are, we cannot but admire the incomparable patience and fidelity of the soldiery that they have not been, ere this, excited by their sufferings to general mutiny and desertion".

On the day following, John Laurence wrote:

"The unfortunate soldiers are in want of everything; they have neither coats, hats, shirts, nor shoes; their feet and legs freeze till they become black, and it is often necessary to amputate them".

Washington's orderly book contains the following entry: "The commander-in-chief offers a reward of \$10 to any person who shall by 9 o'clock on Monday morning produce the best

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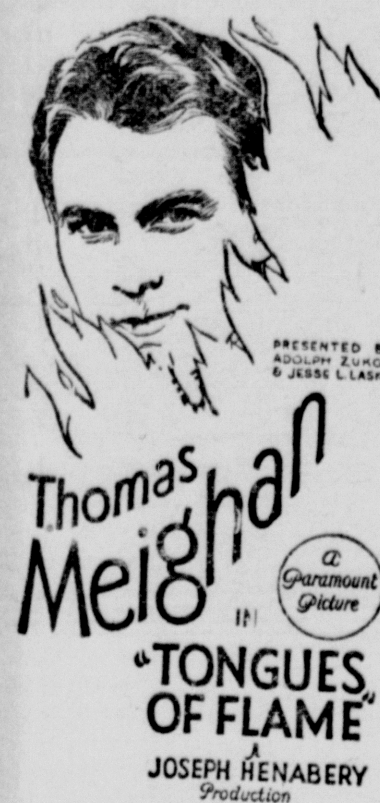


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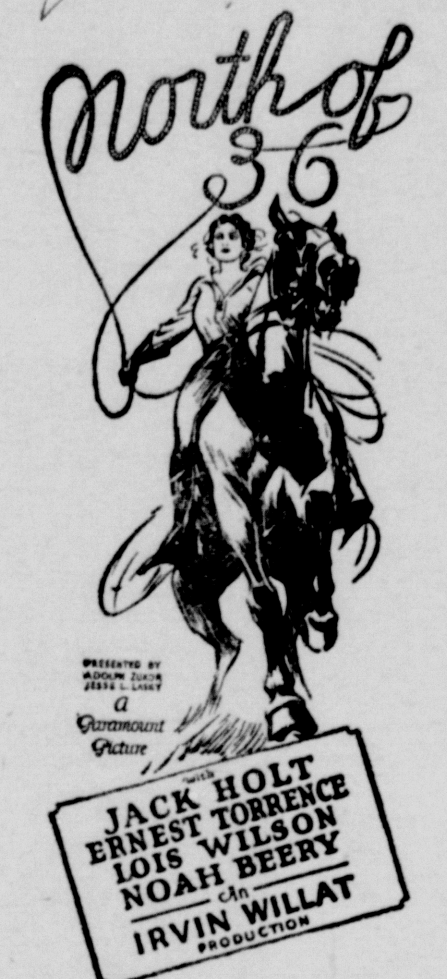
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substitute for shoes, made of raw hides".

Many of the men had to rip their fragmentary blankets into strips with which to bind their feet for walking in the snow. Some had to plod through snow in bare feet, often leaving blood-stained imprints behind them.

While the log huts, chinked with mud, gave protection against wind and rain, blankets were so scarce that the men often would have to sit up all night around a log fire to keep from freezing.

"The whole army", wrote General Wayne, "is sick and crawling with vermin".

Yet the body of the soldiers remained loyal to Washington. Con- tents against the commander de-

veloped among some of the officers and in Congress. Tradition says that Washington resolved to resign. When he announced this to the officers close to him, someone asked:

"How about your penknife?"

This knife, which is now on public exhibition in Alexandria, Virginia, had been given to Washington when a youth by his mother with the injunction that he never undertake anything without seeing it through.

When reminded of it, the commander-in-chief took back his words about resigning.

It was Washington's example which held the little army together.

The pay schedule ran as follows: Colonels, \$75; captains, \$40; sergeants, \$10, and privates, \$6.33 a month.

Even when paid which was not regularly, they had to accept Continental currency, which was of little purchasing value.

Yet Valley Forge was not all gloom and suffering during the period of about six months spent there by Washington's troops.

Camp sutlers managed to drum up many luxuries for those who could buy them. The higher officers and their staffs lived in farmhouses which still are commodious. The wives of some, among them Martha Washington, joined their husbands and spent part of the period there. Foreign officers, like Lafayette, added liveliness to the experience.

Nor were the sufferings of the officers and men of the line a continuous experience. There was firewood plenty, and little to do except gather it. There was guard duty, of course, and entrenchments to erect, for they knew not when Howe's forces might come out and attack them. But the Britons and Hessians seem to have had too good a time in Philadelphia, where, as one wrote, they were supplied with all that was necessary and superfluous, for them to bother the ragged Continentals a few miles away.

Since he could get little relief from Congress which was sitting at York a hundred miles away, Washington boldly decided to "live on the country". Foraging parties regularly scoured the rich farming region for food, which they seized when found, paying for it in script, which, by the way, never was redeemed. Farmers caught taking supplies into Philadelphia for sale to the enemy were dealt with severely. There is a record of a courtmartial having ordered that 250 lashes be applied to the back of one offender.

It was at Valley Forge, as spring came on and eased their sufferings,

that the most cheering word of the entire Revolution, next to that of Yorktown, reached the army. It was that France had decided to take the side of the Colonies. This news was duly celebrated in the camp. Washington's order outlining the celebration survives.

"It having pleased the Almighty Ruler of the universe", it says, "to defend the course of the United States, and finally raise up a most powerful friend among the princes of the earth, to establish our Liberty and Independence upon a lasting foundation, it becomes us to set apart a day for gratefully acknowledging the Divine goodness, and celebrating the important event which we owe to His Divine interposition".

He directed that the celebration begin in the early morning with suitable discourses by the chaplains, then that there be firing of cannon, followed by a running fire of infantry, with the climax in the form of huzzas by all the army for the King of France, for friendly European powers, and "the American State". This happened on May 2.

On May 8 there was a council of war preparatory to resuming fighting operations. Washington reported that the Continental forces then comprised 15,000, not including cavalry and artillery. Of the number 11,800 were at Valley Forge.

Valley Forge was probably the turning point in the war. But for Washington and the remnants of the army which stayed with him holding on there against terrific odds, France would not have come to our aid and discouragement among the people and probably would have brought the contest quickly to an end, favorably to the British.

Tradition records that Washington, who was not given to religious fervor, was found one night in the woods of Valley Forge upon his knees in prayer.

This tradition is now enshrined by the Washington Memorial Chapel, probably the most attractive monument which has been erected at Valley Forge. It stands outside the park on private land and was erected by popular contributions. To the Reverend W. Herbert Burt, a local Episcopal clergyman, this memorial is due, for it was he who in the face of much discouragement realized the dream of a suitable mark of Christian America's reverence for the spot where George Washington wrestled in prayer with the God of Nations.

The vicinity of Valley Forge is reminiscent of Revolutionary times. The village of Paoli remains much as

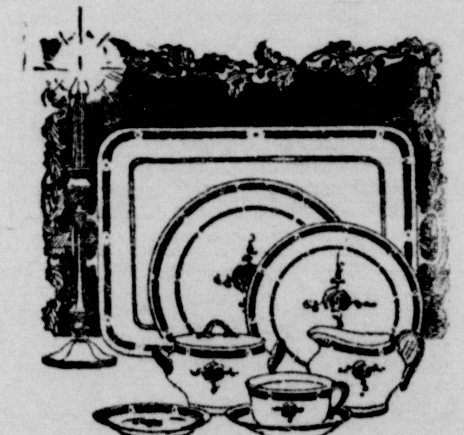
it was a hundred and fifty years ago. At Easttown one still may see the birthplace and old home of General Anthony Wayne who was Washington's main aide during the Valley Baptist Church which is more than two centuries old, remain as they were in Washington's time.—Aaron Hardy Ulm.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore Greer and children will spend Christmas eve in Charleston and will be guests at the home of L. C. Marshall, where the annual family Christmas tree will be held. On Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. Greer will be dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Howlett of Charleston.



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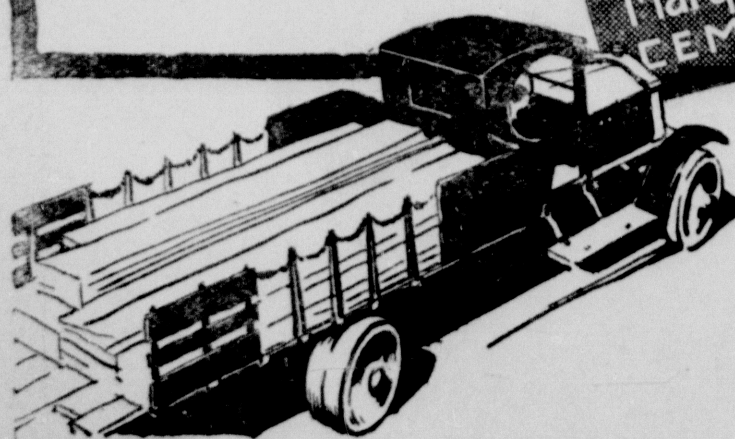
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Mrs. Grace Putnam Malone is down from St. Louis to spend the holidays with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgar White will spend Christmas day in Charleston with Mrs. White's sister, Mrs. Harry Hart.

Miss Carolyn Hess of Spartanburg, South Carolina, arrived home Sunday for a two weeks' visit with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Hess.

Mrs. Calvin Berkley, of St. Louis, formerly Miss Ersie Gentles of Sikeston, has a 9-pound girl baby at her home. Her husband is an employe at the Union Station in St. Louis.

CORRESPONDENCE
FROM MOREHOUSE

Mrs. Josephine Hart and Mrs. E. O. Fisher spent Thursday shopping in Cairo.

John Wilson, farmer southeast of Morehouse is moving to a farm south of Greyridge, which he has rented from Mr. McCloghan.

Miss Maxine Harrison is home from William-Woods College at Fulton, Mo., to spend the holidays with homefolks and friends.

William Cornell, or Bill as we call him, a veteran of the 1922 Morehouse Tigers, won a regular position and a sweater on the Cape Girardeau Normal team this year.

Garage people in Morehouse are rushed with the work of repairing busted radiators and cracked engine heads, which were broken by freezing during the cold wave.

Some of the Morehouse young men and women who have returned for the holidays are: Joe Barnett, Harry Barnett, Mrs. John Spence, Jr., William Marvin Griffin, Miss Nellie Lowe, Miss Kate McCabe, Howard Dunaway and Bill Cornell.

Retribution descended upon the New Madrid sport's world Friday evening, when their girls were whitewashed 24 to 0, and their boys trimmed 34 to 2, by the Morehouse teams. New Madrid has been defeating Morehouse by narrow margins for the past two seasons.

J. A. Engle has rented a farm in central Indiana to which he is preparing to move. Southeast Missouri is losing one of her most progressive citizens and a very successful farmer. Here's hoping Mr. Engle will soon return and bring some of his neighbors with him.

Miss Eva Taylor was quietly married in Sikeston to Mr. Fred Ingram, on the 19th of December, Rev. S. P.

Brite, performing the ceremony. The bride and groom left Saturday on their honeymoon for Chicago, whence they will return to Bloomington, Ill., where they will make their future home.

A Dodge car belonging to T. M. Corbin of Essex was crowded into the ditch and turned over, demolishing the top and front wheel of the car and slightly injuring the occupants who were, in addition to Mr. Corbin, his wife and W. M. Robertson and wife of Essex. They stated that a Ford roadster of Sikeston, whose driver was apparently intoxicated caused their misfortune.

Byron Lehman arrived home Sunday from Ohio, S. Carolina, where he has been the past four months attending school.

Dallas Beauchamp is spending the winter with his daughter, Mrs. Mabel Steinhart, and friends in Galveston, Texas. He expects to return to Sikeston in the early spring.

Maintenance of roads in Butler County costs \$420 a mile a year, according to Division Maintenance Engineer Brady, who is supervising maintenance work in that county.

As the sun sinks to the horizon, its rays strike us no the slant shining through myriads of particles of dust and water vapor, breaking them into their component parts and coloring them. This makes for sunsets of brilliant coloring.

The following folks gave a surprise dinner for Miss Dona Childers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Rose Friday evening: Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Brown, Miss Marjorie Smith, Ray Hudson and Chris Francis. Miss Childers has been with the Cole Furniture Company for the past few months, but will leave for her home in Memphis, Tenn., the first of the week. Miss Childers is a splendid young lady and her many friends regret to lose her.

MISSOURI CORN YIELD
170,612,000 BUSHELS

Jecerson City, December 21.—The 1924 Missouri corn yield was 170,612,000 bushels, compared to 196,860,000 in 1923, and winter wheat was 24,489,000 bushels, against 36,725,000 last year, according to E. A. Logan and Jewell Mayes of the United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics and Missouri State Board of Agriculture.

The harvested corn acreage this year is 6,562,000, or the same as in 1923, and the total yield of corn for all uses in 170,612,000 bushels, compared to 196,860,000 bushels, resulting from a lower acre yield of twenty-six bushels this year, against thirty in 1923, which is one and one-half of two bushels under the ten-year average.

The counties with over 100,000 acres are Nodaway, Atchison, Bates, Saline, Audrain, Johnson, Cass, Pettis, Henry, Chariton, Harrison, Carroll and Holt. The highest acre yields are in the southern portion and the lowest north of the river. The quality is generally below average, good in the south, poor in the north and east. Much immature corn was fed out early.

The Missouri harvest of winter wheat acreage was 1,921,000, with a yield per acre of 12.7 bushels, a total of 24,489,000, against 36,725,000 on 2,825,000 acres and 13 bushels per acre in 1923. The best yields and quality were in the northern third and poorest were in the east central and south central counties.

The 1923 seeded acreage was cut down sharply from the year before and winter killing was severe on the east side. The ten leading counties in acreage were St. Charles, Saline, Lawrence, Platte, Chariton, Lafayette, Jasper, Cooper, Franklin and Carroll.

Leaders in acre yield were Clinton, Holt, Buchanan, Clay, Lafayette, Platte, Scotland, Atchison, Chariton and Nodaway. The leading producers this year were Platte, Lafayette, Chariton, St. Charles, Saline, Carroll, Buchanan, Lawrence, Franklin and Cooper.

County estimates in some cases are subject to revision when final returns are received from all of the township and county assessors on the state farm census of acreages.

THE FARM FAMILY DOLLAR

In comparing the division of the farm family's dollar for living expenses with the use made of the household income among industrial groups the survey of 402 farm families in New York State made by the Bureau of Home Economics and Agricultural Economics of the United States Department of Agriculture was used.

It was found that living expenses were divided as follows: Food, 39.5 per cent; clothing, 13.8; rent, 11.6; fuel, 7.1; other purposes, 23. Figures gathered by the United States Department of Labor in 1918 from about 12,000 industrial families show that they spent their money in this way: Food, 38.2 per cent; clothing 16.6; rent, 13.4; fuel and light, 5.3; all other purposes, 26.4.

The cash outlay of the industrial families, however, was much greater. In the case of the farm families 34 per cent of the total average expenditure of \$2,012 was furnished by the farm without direct purchase. The items so furnished were food valued at \$399, or slightly over half the total cost of food; all the rent, estimated at \$234; and nearly half the fuel worth about \$59.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Anderson will leave Wednesday for Jacksonville, Ill., to spend the Christmas holidays with the latter's parents.

The lines of a lovely figure—the lines of a frock—the symbolic heart lines two engrave on the ice with their flashing skates—the lines that come from worry when one WILL weep—the lines of past events that some women cover up with color—the lines fortune tellers declared they find in hands to foretell the future—all these lines are interesting, but they're as nothing compared with "the love lines that extend into marriage lines" when TWO are made ONE.—Popini.

Mrs. G. W. Dempster assisted by Mrs. Walter McGee and Miss Vera Brinkopf entertained her Sunday School Class of twelve girls at her home Friday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock with a Christmas party. Miss Brinkopf favored the guests with selections at the piano. Mrs. Dempster followed with a story of the first Christmas, then each girl gave a story of the first Christmas she could remember. The next feature was the tree, where presents from the girls to each member of the class were found. Mrs. Dempster then invited the girls to fish in a pond in the music room and gifts for each girl was presented by Mrs. Dempster. A delightful luncheon of chicken salad, hot rolls, oatmeal cookies and fruit roll was served.

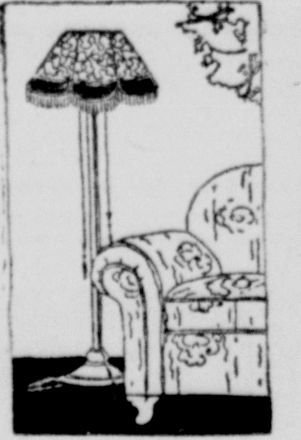
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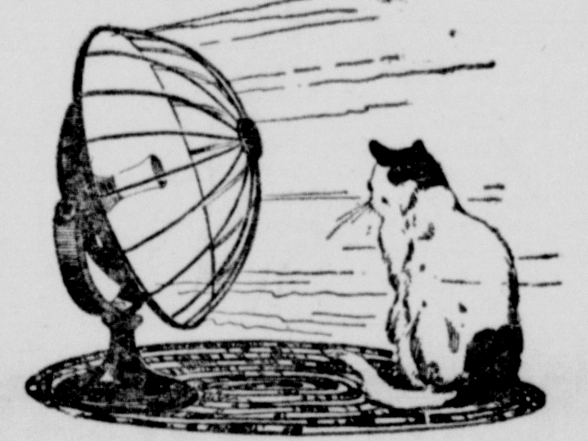
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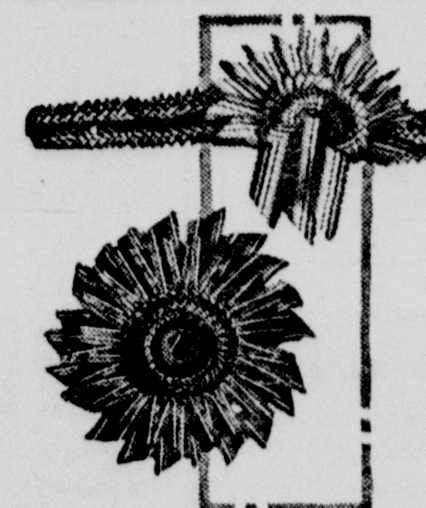
Claud Gill is up from Blytheville, Ark., assisting Frank Heisler in finishing up two new houses in Chamber of Commerce Addition.

All of Sikeston's young folks who have been away to school are home for the holidays and all happy. The editor's home is open for them to visit any time and we'll be glad to have them.

The Vesper service at the Methodist Church Sunday at 4:00 p. m., was a rare treat. The best musicians of the city took part and the solos were beautiful. Rev. Mather made a short talk which was followed by the program.

The dozen negroes in the city jail are sure a strong bunch. The odor was so overpowering that the Mayor ordered copious doses of disinfectants used on the negroes and on their clothes. They were ordered to disrobe, turn their clothes wrong side out, when a spray of creosote or sheep dip was used. This is the bunch of crap shooters taken in a raid at Gus Woods' tavern in Sunset Addition.

New Ribbon Girdles



Vivid shades of red, yellow, blue and green appear with brown or other dark colors in fashionable new ribbons, and often the glint of gold is added. These ribbons are liked for girdles and rosettes to brighten up the quiet and simple frocks that good taste approves. They are worked up in many ingenious ways and women are enthusiastic about them for Christmas gifts; a girdle and a corsage ornament are shown here. Short lengths with bias ends and braided strands are used.

Ed E. Toney, 51 years of age, died at his home, two miles south of Sikeston, Monday morning, December 21. His death was caused from a stroke of paralysis. The funeral services will be held at 10:00 Tuesday morning, under the auspices of I. O. O. F. Lodge. Besides a wife, two daughters and one son survive.

Married on December 19, at the residence of Rev. S. P. Brite, Mr. F. F. Ingram of Bloomington, Ill., and Miss Eva Taylor of Morehouse. Mr. Ingram is a traveling salesman who has won many friends in Southeast Missouri and this young woman for his bride. Miss Vera Edwards of Morehouse and Chas. Hebbeler of this city attended the young couple. The best wishes of friends follow them.

The Standard \$1.50, per year.

Mrs. Moore Greer spent Friday in Cairo.

There will be a beautiful Christmas service "The Nativity" at the Baptist church Christmas eve. The Nativity is a dramatic presentation of the Christmas story in scripture, interspersed with Christmas carols. There are four scenes: The Temple, the Annunciation, the Shepherds in the field and the Nativity. Zacharias will be represented by Max Bommer; Mary, Lola Smith; Joseph, McClellan Hamby; Gabriel, Marcella Jennings and the Wise Men, Clyde Meredith, Carlos McKinney and Will Hayden. The Shepherds are: La Verne Cashdollar, Mary Elizabeth Montgomery, and Mary Ethel Smith. The Heavenly host will be children from the Sunday School.

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EUROPEAN CHICKEN PLAGUE

Jefferson City, Dec. 22.—In response to request in the interest of poultry raisers as made by the Missouri State Board of Agriculture, Dr. Sivert Erickson, pathologist of the Missouri State Poultry Experiment Station, Mountain Grove, Mo., makes the following statement and description relating to the "European chicken plague", concerning which the New York authorities have stirred up a tempest in the poultry market:

"Chicken plague or fowl pest has heretofore not been definitely recognized in the United States. Not known to occur in Missouri. Very little is known about this disease even though it is very prevalent in Europe. Considered to be caused by a filterable virus which is present in the blood and droppings, and by this means spreads rapidly from sick to healthy chickens. In many respects it re-

sembles fowl cholera. Water fowls and pigeons are less susceptible than other birds. Man and farm animals are not affected. The fowls die suddenly, comb dark red. Secretions form in the eyes, nose and throat. Bowel discharge may be thin and green or brownish. Inflammation is found in the heart and lungs. Medicines have not been found of value. Stringent and radical measure of isolation, fumigation and disinfection necessary to control disease".

Mrs. L. M. Stallcup was a Cairo visitor Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. McCutchen were in Campbell Sunday and Monday.

Little Willie, a 400-pound chunk of black meat, is in jail charged with disturbing the peace of some other negroes. Those in jail with him say it was his snoring that disturbed the peace of the neighborhood.

MISSOURI CARES FOR NEGLECTED CHILDREN

At the Christmas season, when so much is done for the fortunate children in our homes, it should be of interest to know what our State is doing to help the unfortunate through the Children's Bureau of the State Board of Charities and Corrections. Many citizens are not even aware of the existence of this Bureau.

The Children's Bureau was created a few years ago to care for children who have no homes or who are so neglected or mistreated in their homes that they must be removed. In creating this Bureau, the Legislature acted on the principle that the best place for a normal child is in a family home, where the child will not only be fed and clothed and sent to school, but also will have the benefit of the personal affection of a good foster father and mother, and will learn to live as more fortunate children live in their own homes.

The Bureau takes charge of such children as are turned over to it by the Juvenile Courts of the different counties, cares for them temporarily in the State receiving Home at Carrollton, and as soon as possible finds good foster homes for them.

Since September 1920, the Children's Bureau has cared for 382 children. During the first 11 months of 1924, 93 new children were received from the counties, and 122 children were placed in homes. All of these homes are personally investigated by agents of the Bureau before children are allotted to them. This year, the agents have investigated 257 applications for children; out of this number, 126 were judged to be fit homes to receive children. In making these investigations, not only were the applicants visited, but 593 references were consulted.

After the children are placed in homes, the Children's Bureau does not cease its interest in their welfare. Only a few of the younger children are adopted (10 during 1924) and then only after a year's trial in the home. These children until the year's trial period is over, and all other children until they are of age, are watched over by the agents of the Bureau through repeated visits; 258 such follow-up visits to foster homes have been made during 1924.

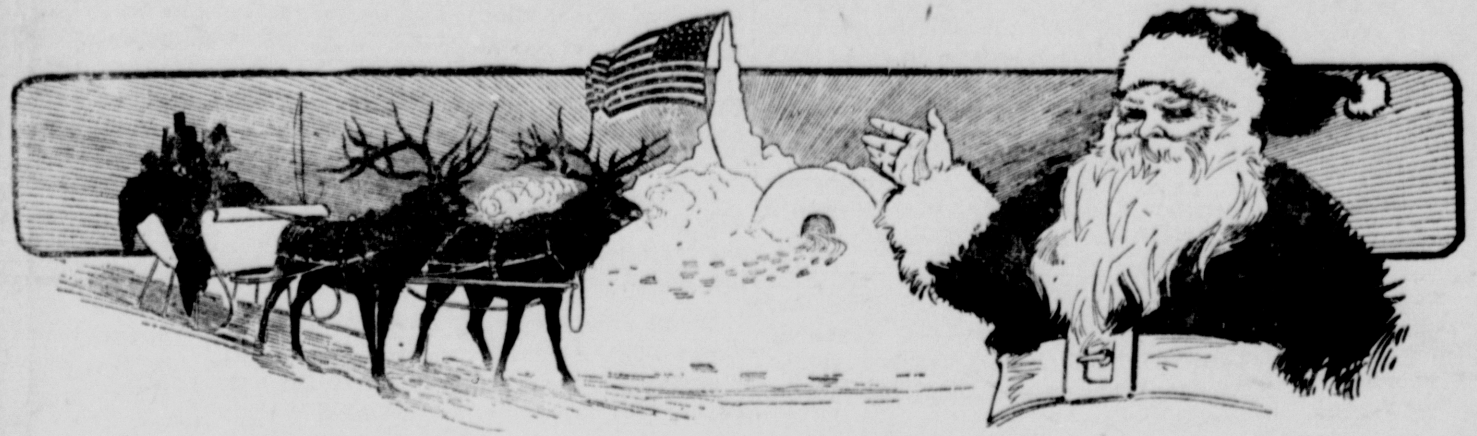
In this way, and only in this way, it is possible to make sure that the original approval of the home was not mistaken, that the child and the family suit each other, and that the child is making good progress in health, in schooling and in conduct. Many children, who have been neglected or ill-trained all their lives, are trying to the foster parents, and sometimes have to be moved several times before the home is found which is successful in straightening out their difficulties.

W. L. Douglas is dead. Beginning life as an outcast orphan, he eventually learned to be a shoemaker. Saving his earnings he established a small business and eventually became the most noted man in his industry. For years he advertised in every newspaper in the nation. Five million pairs of his shoes were sold every year. The more money he made the more he advertised. The more he advertised the bigger his business became. This lesson, however, will be lost on the business man who never outgrows the dingy room in which he starts. He does not advertise and therefore he does not expand. Most any small town merchant would have advised W. L. Douglas against all that expense for newspaper space.

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THE PASSING OF MRS. BARNES

Mrs. Kate Vaughn, wife of Mat Vaughn, passed away at her home on Delmar street, Monday morning, December 22. The funeral service will be held at the Catholic Church Tuesday morning, at 9 o'clock, Father Woods officiating. Interment at Memorial Park. The Standard extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

Rev. R. L. Morton, former pastor of the Christian Church, will hold services here Sunday morning and Sunday night, December 28th.

Mrs. Nettie Barnes passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Smith, December 20th, after a short illness of pneumonia. Mrs. Barnes was Miss Nettie Johnson before her marriage in 1877 to Benjamin Lawrence Barnes. She was born in Dyersburg, Tenn., on April 23, 1853, died December 20, 1924. She is survived by two step-children, Wm. Barnes of New Orleans, La., and Mrs. Frank Smith of this city, with whom she has made her home for the past number of years. A life lived as hers has been, speaks for itself.

Soft as the voice of an angel, was Grandmother Barnes' last words. Hushed as the vesper breezes. As her frail, sweet spirit stirred. When leaved from its life of service. On its heavenward passage dim. But anchoring at last in heaven. With a wonderful welcome from them. Grieve not dear ones at her passage. For she's as the angel that sings. With a crown and a harp for her service. And robes white as snow and wings. She's only waiting safe and free. Awaiting there to welcome thee.—M. S.

Lou McCoy was down from Fredericktown to spend the week-end with his daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lumsden and children and Mrs. Gobel Glass and babe will spend Christmas day with their parents in Cape Girardeau.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Marshall and son, J. H., Jr., and W. W. Marshall of Jonesboro, Ark., will arrive Wednesday to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Moore Greer of this city and with relatives in Charleston. Ewell Weinberg of Blytheville, Ark., was a guest of his sister, Mrs. Carroll Myer, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Erdmann are the proud parents of a daughter born Friday, December 19.

Miss Mary Williams Smith will arrive home Tuesday night from Cape Girardeau to spend the holidays with her folks.

Homer Marvel, manager of the Plaza, entertained the members of the Hight-Sweeten jury last evening at the theatre when they were privileged to see Jack Holt in "Empty Hands". It was surely quite appropriate that the jury was entertained at the show producing "Empty Hands" as a jury is undoubtedly empty handed. No art in all the world is quite so enjoyable as that of the art of pleasing others and in this Mr. Marvel is without a peer in this town. It is needless to say that the jury appreciated Mr. Marvel's forethought greatly and to him the latch-string hangs on the outside of the door of the jury room all of the time that the twelve men are not on duty. —Mt. Vernon Herald.

In St. Louis last Friday a negro man was sent to the penitentiary for five years for a theft he committed just seventeen days before. We call that swift justice. In the same court two days before a millionaire white man was tried for killing a Pullman conductor while trying to shoot an offensive negro porter. The white man was armed and drunk, while his intended victim was unarmed and sober. Here we have it—a friendless negro railroaded to the penitentiary for stealing some jewelry; a millionaire white man allowed to go unwhipped of Justice after shedding an innocent man's blood. The laws, of course, are not made exclusively for the poor. They simply are exclusively enforced against the poor. Contrast the fate which overtook the negro thief mentioned above with the immunity thus far enjoyed by great politicians who betrayed their Government's resources into private hands for personal gain, if you need an explanation of the growing disrespect for our American courts. The cheering throng which greeted the verdict of acquittal for the millionaire killer at St. Louis was further evidence that public sentiment usually is with the rich when they are haled into court, just as it has been with the influential and prominent men who led in all that wrong-doing at Washington.—Paris Appeal.

Mr. and Mrs. Avin Taylor were in St. Louis the first of the week.

Mrs. Fern Lankford of Poplar Bluff was in Skeston Sunday to attend the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Nettie Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Reed and babe and George Jenkins of Benton will spend Christmas day with Mrs. Ruth Malone and family.

The word Dad originated from the Irish word for father, "Daid".

Arden Ellise arrived Friday morning of last week from Oxford, Miss., where he is attending the State University.

Rev. and Mrs. Thos. B. Mather and babe left Monday afternoon for Ferguson, Mo., to spend the holidays with Rev. Arthur Mather and family.

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The Green Fan Romance

By CLARISSA MACKIE

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"IT IS a very small inheritance, my dear," smiled Helen's father sadly as he bade her open the sandalwood box that always stood on his writing desk. "Besides the life insurance, there is the house and furniture, and the contents of this box." His weak fingers inserted a small gold key in the lock and raised the lid. Inside was a small oblong package wrapped in many folds of tissue paper.

"Open it, dear." Helen obeyed. The tissue paper revealed at last a small green fan of Chinese origin. Strange to say, only half of the fan was there. It had been carefully split through the center, leaving one carved ivory stick on one end and cut paper on the other. The green paper was covered with small enameled figures that formed lovely pictures, and there was much fine gold writing in Chinese ideographs.

"What is it, father?" asked the girl, more to please him than because she was interested in the broken fan. She was trying to keep up her courage in the face of the sorrow that was creeping toward her. Her father had been stricken with an unusual malady and doctors had given him up. Helen had hoped against hope, and wondered he had felt the end drawing nearer and had been prompted to have this last talk with her. "What is the meaning of the broken fan, father?" she repeated.

"It is more or less of a mystery. Years ago when I was in China I had a partner named Kerwin. There was in our employ a Chinaman who robbed us shamelessly. He was a trusted man and had large sums of our money at his disposal. He appropriated the money and fled. It about ruined us, and broke up our partnership. Just before I left China a missionary from some distant station called upon me and gave me the sandalwood box with the fan inside—just as you have seen it. It seems that our man Cheng had been converted and was now a Christian. He had confessed his sin and had sent the broken fan to me, while another box containing the other half of the fan had been sent to James Kerwin. The whole fan reveals the hiding place of the stolen money, and his Chinese mind evolved the simple plan of sending a half of the torn fan to each partner. Neither half is of any use without the other."

"Do you know where Mr. Kerwin is, father?" asked Helen after a while. "No, my dear. I suspect he is dead. I have sought him for years, because I wanted to renew our friendship, but he was fond of traveling and went from place to place. I have not much faith in the hiding place of the treasure. That is why I call it a sorry inheritance."

Months afterward, when the loss of her father had become less poignant, Helen came across the green fan. A sudden impulse prompted her to advertise for the other half of the fan. It must be somewhere.

"WANTED—The other half of a torn green fan. Please communicate with H. L. Moore, P. O. Box 2009."

It was one November day that Helen received her first reply. It was a brief note, saying that the writer owned such a fan and would be glad to discuss the matter. The note was signed, "Benjamin Kerwin."

A few days later Benjamin Kerwin came to see her. "Your father—is he living?" asked Helen.

He shook his head sadly. "Before he died he gave me the sandalwood box and half of the fan and I put them away among my belongings. I have not much faith in Chinese mysteries," he told her.

"Did you bring the fan, Mr. Kerwin?" asked Helen.

"Oh, yes," and he drew a small parcel from his pocket. They fitted the two pieces together and mended it with transparent gummed paper.

With the aid of a Chinese student who read the riddle of the fan, the way to the recovery of the treasure was made very plain. The two young people studied maps and routes for many months before Mr. Kerwin left on his next trip to China.

"I have been told that it is a dangerous country," objected Helen, who was dying to go along on the trip, for the romance appealed to her inherited love of adventuring.

"I am accustomed to going among the people," declared Kerwin.

"Sometimes I am tempted to tear up my half of the fan so that you cannot go into such needless danger," said the girl loyally.

All the way home that night the young man puzzled over that remark. "If she knew how I am tempted to give up the whole thing—even the purchasing end of business, so that I may remain near her, she would not add her weight of bugaboos in the way!"

At last the moment came to say good-by. "Helen," he burst out, "marry me and let us make it a honeymoon voyage!" So they were married that very day. When they finally discovered the location related in the fan they realized that they had been hoaxed by the oblique-minded Cheng. "Never mind, darling," said Kerwin happily. "If we didn't find the treasure, we did find each other!" And that is why you will find the green fan carefully framed in glass, hanging on the wall of their home.

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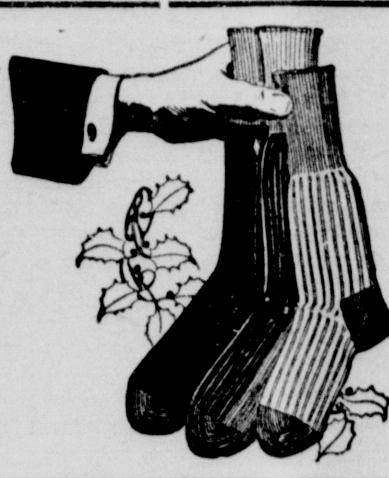
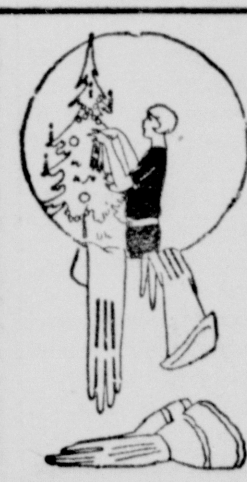
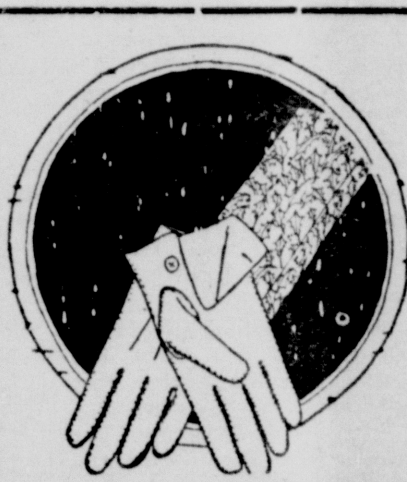


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Open Every Evening Until Christmas

W. R. Hughes will leave Tuesday morning for Congola, Ill., to spend Christmas with relatives.

Rev. R. L. Duckworth of Cape Girardeau will preach at the Methodist Church Sunday, December 28th.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sikes and daughter will spend the holidays in Shelbyville, Ky., with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Myer and Jec Myer will spend Christmas day in Blytheville, Ark., with relatives.

Hershel Randolph and Ray Joplin were business visitors in Cairo, Saturday.

FOR SALE—Jersey cow, fresh. Call 48.—C. B. Watson, Consumers Supply Co. 2t.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Clay of Memphis, Tenn., will spend the holidays with relatives in Sikeston.

Dr. and J. W. McPheeters of Poplar Bluff were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Moore Greer, Monday night.

Miss Mildred Keasler and Hershel Randolph were visitors in Esser Sunday.

Jim Derris arrived home Saturday morning from Western Military School to spend holidays with parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lumsden and Herbert Lumsden of Canolou spent Saturday night in Sikeston with relatives.

Mrs. Kate Greer left Sunday for a two weeks visit in Excelsior Springs. FOR SALE—Remington Automatic shot gun, perfect shape, \$40.00.—C. H. Yanson, Jeweler.

Miss Virginia Sovine of St. Louis is the house guest of Miss Mary Elizabeth Marshall for the holidays.

FOR SALE—Large Wrought iron range, six caps, warming oven, hot water reservoir, never had fire in it. —Bert Swinney.

FOR SALE—Farm, 245 acres, one mile east of Sikeston. Will sell in body or cut up to suit.—John A. Matthews, Sikeston. Phone 216. 1t.

FOR RENT—Fine cotton and corn land, 250 acre tract, ideal location on rock road, near town, gin and school. 12 houses, new bungalow and barn. Also have some other farms in small and large tracts.—Mrs. M. V. Francis, Commercial Hotel, New Madrid, Mo.

Knitting for Nerves

By DOROTHY DOUGLAS

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"YOU have simply got to take up knitting," said the great nerve specialist. "Get some wool, a pair of needles and go down to Atlantic City and sit on the board walk and knit."

"Me knit! I certainly would look cute sitting on the beach like some Aunt Jemima knitting pink wool. And all the idlers stopping to roar at me. No thanks."

David pulled his six feet of strong manhood impatiently out of the chair. The specialist only sat calmly looking at him.

"You prefer, then, my young fellow, to end your days in a home for neurasthenics, babbling forever about spring blossoms or trying to find a nice easy place to jump off the roof." The doctor became more serious. "Don't be a coward about life. Face it out. Perhaps a short summer of knitting, just simply giving your hands something to do, will set you on your feet."

David laughed. His nerves were not quite gone and, after all, life had heaps to offer. He would be a sport and obey the doctor's orders. Anything was better than the state he was in. Only yesterday he had shrunk from crossing the street alone and nothing could induce him to go into the subway. Certainly knitting was preferable to that mangled state of nerves.

So David packed his case, told his sister all about it and she gave him good advice as well as knitting needles and wool.

But the brainstorm that was the most brilliant of her career was her suggestion that David put on Aunt Effie's clothes when he came from his bathhouse.

"Her bonnet, with the strings to tie it on and her great cloak and ample skirts—why David you could sit on the sand and knit prize jumpers and no one would even cast a glance at you."

"You're the prize brick, Sis," laughed David. "I'll put Aunt Effie's clothes on and knit till I haven't a nerve left."

Consequently, the old lady sitting daily on the white sand attracted little or no attention. David gradually learned to knit mechanically.

It was Elsie's wee dog that first upset the apple cart of calm thought. The dog, dashing about in quest of fun, found David's woolly ball, began playing and ran joyfully off across the sand.

And David, because he always kept rather stationary when wearing Aunt Effie's clothes, just sat and watched.

And Elsie, seeing the old lady's predicament and the havoc being wrought with the wool gave chase after Fido.

It was then that David's calm deserted him. Elsie, in drenching and most nifty of bathing suits, in hot pursuit of a small dog, caused not only a burst of laughter from David, but also a heavy heart throb. Elsie, with fair hair blowing about in the breeze and as graceful as a nymph, made David tensely conscious that there were bits in the feminine world distinctly wonderful.

After a final desperate plunge the small dog was captured.

David's heart beat fast. The girl was approaching him to offer an apology.

"I'm so very, very sorry," she said in the sweetest of voices. "Fido is always doing something awful."

"But this is not awful," David quickly told her and when Elsie jumped back startled at the great boom of his voice he realized that he was supposed to be a lady.

"But he has unraveled all your lovely knitting," Elsie managed to say and looked ruefully down at a mere strand of what had been a fairly well formed sweater. "Couldn't I knit it back for you? I will slip into my bathhouse and get into my frock and come back here. You will wait?" she questioned.

"I certainly will," David agreed with a slightly modified voice.

As soon as she was out of sight David arose, dashed into his own bathhouse and emerged in the most trim of white flannels.

He seated himself on the exact spot and waited.

When Elsie appeared he knew that his nerve cure was making tremendous progress and would continue to do so so long as Elsie would help him to pass away the shining hours. She was dressed in the daintiest silk jersey suit he had ever seen and her fair hair, now confined, lay in a huge coil about her head.

She stopped in dismay at seeing the big man sitting where the old lady with the knitting had been. Somehow Elsie had expected to make good her offer to knit back the sweater.

She was about to turn away, when David drew from his pocket a great ball of wool and aimed it straight at Fido. That wise little animal took his cue with the same accuracy that a well trained dog of love takes his arrow and shoots.

Elsie stood still, took a straight and intensely interested look at David, then walked slowly toward him. David arose to his feet and held out the remnants of that sweater.

"I'm ready now for you to reknit my sweater," he said with a boyish laugh.

Elsie, too, laughed, and Fido scampered up delighted at being so completely tangled up in the wool of romance.

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NO CONTEST BY DR. NELSON

Kansas City, Dec. 20.—Dr. A. W. Nelson, defeated Democratic nominee for governor, will not contest the election of Sam A. Baker, Republican governor-elect.

Announcement of the decision was made here yesterday afternoon by Joshua W. Barbee, chairman of the Democratic state committee, who declared a search for fraud upon which to base a contest had been unsuccessful.

The decision had been awaited in political circles many days. It was known Dr. Nelson had been urged by many leaders, and not a few prospective job holders, to contest the election of Baker.

The fact the Democrats had a small majority on point ballot in the legislature and had the votes to "kick Baker out" cause many to insist upon a contest.

Dr. Nelson is known to have spent considerable time since the election conferring with district leaders, seeking evidence of fraud. That was why he had not congratulated Mr. Baker, or had issued no explanatory statement.

Because of the secrecy of the Democratic search for evidence of fraud and the apparent indecision of Nelson many wild rumors were circulated. As a result many wagers were not paid, many of those who bet on Nelson having ordered no payment until a decision was reached on the contest.

Mr. Barbee said he had declined to call a meeting of the Democratic state committee because he had been unable to find the evidence upon which to base the proposed contest. The chairman had been asked to call the committee and let it make the decision.

Disapproval of any policy that would impede the work of the legislature was expressed by Mr. Barbee in his statement. Mr. Barbee extended his congratulations to the governor-elect.

Whether the chairman spoke for Dr. Nelson is not known. Dr. Nelson has been silent since the election.

In a statement Mr. Barbee said: "Immediately after the election I heard many rumors of fraud in connection with the election, which, if true, would show that Nelson really was elected. As chairman of the Democratic state committee I felt it was my duty to make whatever inquiry into the facts surrounding the election I could. I have consulted with those persons in St. Louis and Kansas City and others of the state, who in my judgment, would know of any fraud in their respective localities. I found in several instances certain irregularities and technical violations of the election laws.

"I have not been able to obtain sufficient evidence to conclude that fraud was practiced to such an extent that a contest would be justified or that it would make any change in the result of the election.

"I have not now and never have had any desire to thwart the verdict of the people of the state as expressed by ballots.

"I am, however, in favor of honest elections, and feel that no one can object to a close inspection and careful scrutiny of an election for the highest office of the state.

"I have, therefore, delayed making public my statement out of respect for the opinions of those who were advising a contest."

"A few people have suggested that I call the state committee together to take whatever action they desired regarding a contest. I have declined to do so for the reason I failed to find in my investigation sufficient evidence of fraud which would justify the committee bringing a contest.

"I see that some of the members of the state senate have announced that they do not favor a contest, giving various reasons for their decisions. I think they are correct that no contest should be brought and that the work of the legislature should not be impeded on that account.

"After looking into the facts in connection with the election November 4, I am convinced that Sam A. Baker was elected, although I did my utmost to defeat him.

"I extend my congratulations and will buckle on the armor of democracy for the next battle and hope to be more successful."

FOR RENT—Store room with basement.—224 West Center St. See A. E. Shankle. 3tpd.

LEGHORNS FOR SALE—Have 50 S. C. dark brown Leghorn hens or pullets for sale. H. V. Tormohlen strain of Portland, Ind. \$1 each.—Joe Crouthers, Sikeston, R. 3 box 60. tf.

LOST—Pocketbook between Sikeston Grocery and 407 Greer Ave., Saturday night, containing name and \$3 in money and valuable papers. Reward—Ollie Cherry, 4070 Greer Ave. 2tpd.

FOR RENT—7-room modern residence on North Ranney Ave. Call Mrs. Lillie McGee, Kewanee, Mo.

FOR SALE—Plastered house. Six rooms and bath, cellar, hot air heat, big lot, set out with fruit and shrubs. On North Ranney Street. Reasonable terms.—H. C. Blanton.

Lucilla, Love— and Linda

By MARTHA WILLIAMS

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"NO! I won't! No! I shan't!" Lucilla cried hysterically. Evidently to the amusement of Carl Gregg, Esq., who held both her hands, and laughed softly, murmuring: "Let me see! Two negatives made an affirmative when I studied grammar. Thanks for them kind words, honey! Now—we'll set the day, and have done with it all."

"I hate you!" Lucilla shrieked, trying to free her hands. Carl slid an arm about her, then released them, saying: "Poor little girl! Is she so afraid of me! Or just plain angry?"

"Both!" Lucilla snapped. "Afraid you'll break my wrists, mad because you are—yourself—the very moral of presuming vanity."

"How come?" from Carl airily. "Can I help seeing how much you love me when you fly in a passion if I am so much as civil to the stranger within the gates?"

"No such thing! I only hope she takes you home with her for keeps," said Lucilla.

"That would be nice," said Carl. "Time Court is next thing to Heaven. Unless, that is, it has changed since I played there with Linda. You know we made mud pies together."

"I—I didn't know. I can't believe it," Lucilla stammered. Then rallying her forces: "So she is here to reclaim her property—and it comes at her whistle."

"Who wouldn't?" Carl's eyes were rapt. "Such a darling she is. Only thing wrong with her is that pest, Jimmy Granger. He's going to marry her, coming Christmas."

"Any objection?"

Carl shook his head. "That's the worst part of it. He's not good enough of course, but as near it as one could hope for."

"How noble of you!"

"Not a bit," said a placid Carl. "What is to be will be, whether or not it happens. That's that. Suppose we return to our own affairs."

"Please, what are they?" asked a prim, almost drooping Lucilla. If she had only known—Carl ought to have told her—instead he had proposed plumply, and gone on to asking a wedding date, taking consent for granted.

"My honey going to be good?" he asked softly, thrilling her in spite of her wrath. "I think yes. Now Jimmy Granger is my fore-ordained best man. Linda's to stay a month. Won't you please, please, ask her to play maid of honor, and get the disturbance over before she goes?"

"How can I—when I've been nasty about her?" Lucilla pouted.

Carl shook her gently. "She'll understand, being herself an engaged person," he said. "Now, Missy, say yes—say it right—I mean with a kiss."

Linda accepted rapturously. Lucilla rejoiced—she had not quite forgiven Carl her abrupt surrender. Subtly, with her softest eyes, her softest, most luring tones, she took possession of Jimmy, thereby forcing Carl to keep Linda company. Time brought them to the era of rehearsals almost before they knew it.

It went off with a bang, having everything but the flowers, the music and the bridal veil—her room lace was not to be lightly risked. Lucilla was letter-perfect, but Carl, despite his audacity, fumbled and bungled terribly the first time—so much that by Linda's suggestion Jimmy took his place in the second attempt. Which was something to remember. Looking gratefully up to him, Lucilla whispered: "Thank you. But I'm almost sorry you showed me the difference."

At that he started the least bit, wheeled away, wheeled again, bent low and said huskily: "You are also different." Very low of course—but Linda sensed rather than heard the words. She did not turn pale, nor scream, nor faint—rather she laughed more gaily than before.

"How about a suit for damages? Seems to me you'd have a case," Judge Trenor, Lucilla's guardian commented. Linda put on a reflective look, laid her fingers over her lips, and was silent ten seconds. Then she smiled at the judge, saying: "My gentleman, you're crazy! Me sue Carl, whom I love rather better than myself? He can do anything he likes if only he isn't trying. Here's to him and his bride. May they live long and prosper. We'll try it over the magic third time."

The third time was perfect. Afterwards Lucilla was feverishly gay. Eyes sparkling, cheeks aflame, she was more than ever beautiful—but some how Carl's heart ached at sight of her. He was so thoughtful, so tenderly kind it hurt her sorely. She was glad when he sent her straight to bed the minute they were home. But sleep fled her eyelids—dawn was blushing in the east when she stole gray-faced, haggard to Linda's room, knelt at the bedside, and said between sobs: "If—if you want—Carl—you shall—have him. I don't—deserve him—not good enough."

Linda must have slept lightly. In a wink her arms were around the penitent. With her lips in the wavy hair soft as a baby's she said:

"My child, don't you understand? I love your Carl so well I wouldn't marry him even for his soul's salvation. I'm his pal—you're his flower of life. Bloom your best for him—or maybe I shall repent, not taking you at your word."

"I will," said Lucilla—and she kept her promise.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM NEW MADRID

Harry Powers of Memphis, Tenn., arrived Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Georgetown Powers and sisters, Mrs. E. A. Loud of this city.

Mrs. A. J. Renner of Benton spent several days this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Loud of this city.

Misses Nannie Riley and Florence Crisler, students at Columbia University, arrived Friday to spend the holidays with their parents and relatives.

A business meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church was held at the home of Mrs. W. S. Edwards, on Mitchell avenue, with Mrs. J. Q. Stevens as hostess.

The purpose of the meeting was for the election of officers. All the former officers were re-elected as follows: President, Mrs. E. A. Loud; Vice-President, Mrs. A. T. Henry; Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. T. Royer; Treasurer, Mrs. Fannie Riley Fine. After the discussion of several business matters, the meeting adjourned, being concluded with the serving of a very dainty luncheon.

A Check Conference meeting was held at the Methodist Church Tuesday morning with Rev. R. L. Duckworth and Presiding A. C. Johnson of Cape Girardeau present. The meeting was held for the purpose of checking of the Centenary movement and the Sunday School movements of the Cape Girardeau district, reporting everything satisfactory.

Mrs. Lella McVeagh and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Kirby of Fulton, Ky., arrived in New Madrid Thursday on a visit to relatives.

Frank Atchison of Cleveland, Ohio is spending the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Lucy Pikey of Marston.

Misses Mabel and Nancy Mecklen of this city attended the Eastern Star meeting at Marston Tuesday evening.

The car belonging to R. C. Doyle that was stolen some weeks ago was found in the possession of two Arkansas negroes this week at Fredericktown. They were arrested for running without license and upon investigating the engine number, it was found to be the car belonging to R. C. Doyle of this city.

The following teachers left Friday for their respective homes: M. P. Cain, Lebanon; R. T. Woodyard, Bosworth; Miss Ernestine Ernst, Albany Mo.; Miss Margaret Siner, Excelsior Springs; Miss Mildred Koch, Cuba.

Misses Estelle and Itelle Fakes arrived from Bowling Green, Ky., where they are attending school, to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fakes.

Mrs. Fannie R. Fine and two sons are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mueller of Jackson.

Mrs. P. E. Early left Saturday night for her home in St. Louis. She was accompanied by her cousin, Miss Marguerite Riley.

Mrs. Willard Russell of Sikeston visited friends in New Madrid last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse M. Miles and babe arrived home from Cairo, Thursday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clay Mitchell Monday morning, December 22, a son.

Mrs. Moore Greer spent Friday in Cairo.

FOR RENT—5-room house. Apply Sikeston Merc. Co. tf.

Community ware at reduced prices—Farmers Supply Co., Hardware Department.

FOR RENT—3 unfurnished rooms in Chamber of Commerce addition, new house. Write Mrs. Elsie Clodfelter Sikeston, Mo.

There will be no issue of The Standard Friday of this week as some of the force wish to be out of the city for a few days, and the merchants of the city will have little use for the advertising columns the day after Christmas.

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Louis Scott is home for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Scott.

Miss Audrey Chaney is confined to her home with an attack on inflammatory rheumatism.

Mrs. Ruskin Cook of St. Louis arrived hursday of last week to spend Christmas with homefolks.

Duncan Brite, who is a teacher at Emporia, Kansas, arrived Sunday morning to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. S. P. Brite.

OR SALE—The Lou's Hinkle farm about six miles southeast of Sikeston consisting of 320 acres and improvements, all in a high state of cultivation. Reasonable terms will be granted. 1 issue 4w.

Boswell & Company will hold an auction sale for cash Saturday, December 27, at Boswell's barn at Morehouse. Several head of mules, horses, cows and hogs, as well as some farming tools are to be sold. These are sold on consignment and anything a person may wish to sell will be accepted by them.

The trial of the bank bandits, who robbed the Vanduser Bank, was held in Benton, Monday, Judge Kelly presiding. The bandits plead guilty and two were given sentence, one 6 years and the other seven and a half years, the third pleading guilty, but his sentence was withheld for the time, owing to the serious illness of his wife, who is in Benton. Tom Bugg, who is also accused, is still in jail, having been unable to give bond.

Dear Santa Claus:
I wish you would come to our house Christmas night for I have a Christmas tree for you and when I am big I will pay you.

MATTIE MILLER.

American Telephone & Telegraph Company
—141st Dividend

The regular quarterly dividend of two Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents per share will be paid on Thursday, January 15, 1925, to stockholders of record at the close of business on Saturday, December 20, 1924.

H. BLAIR-SMITH,
Treasurer

EASTMAN KODAKS The Gift Shop DERRIS, THE DRUGGIST

Administrator's Sale

I will sell at public auction at the W. K. Henry farm, two miles north of Miner Switch, the following described property of J. T. Cannon, deceased, on

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31, '24

Beginning at 1:00 p. m., sharp

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6 head fo work mules; 1 Jersey cow, giving milk; 1 sulky plow; 2 walking plows; 2 riding cultivators; 1 smoothing harrow; 1 disc harrow; 1 one-row cotton planter; 1 cotton cultivator; 2 farm wagons; 6 sets work harness with collars, and many small articles too numerous to mention.

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TCW CAN AGENTS BE MADE HONEST?

Washington, Dec. 18.—National prohibition, as it now exists, was placed on the grill today by Senator Reed of Missouri, at a Senate committee hearing on the Crampton bill to make the prohibition unit a separate Treasury Bureau.

Questioning a succession of witnesses, including officials of the prohibition forces, the Missouri Senator asked what Congress could do to make prohibition agents "honest", paid his respects to drug store whiskey and suggested that the authorized addition of poison to industrial alcohol to prevent its use in liquor manufacture was "approaching murder".

Mr. Doran, chief of the industrial alcohol division of the prohibition unit, was explaining that as of yet no synthetic alcohol caused a taste and almost prevented the use of the prohibition era, when he was interrupted by Mr. Reed.

"Is it a chemical?" he asked. "Undoubtedly," Doran replied. "Is it reassuring?" said Reed. "No," he then told of "another chemical," the use of which he declared would cause a taste in liquor which would turn a person against the further use of liquor.

"I suggest you give the formula to Dr. Wayne B. Wheeler," said Senator Reed, "for I think he has been looking for that for a long while".

"Don't you think it an approach to murder to put a subtle poison into alcohol which you think might be converted into liquor?" Reed continued. Doran didn't agree with the assumption, but turned the discussion to whiskey. He said whiskey sold in drug stores was good whiskey.

"You haven't had as much experience as I," retorted Senator Reed, who then returned to the subject of poisonous alcohol. "You have already said a poison is put in alcohol and yet some buy this alcohol, supposed to be pure, to use in liquor manufacture," said the Senator. "You know one-tenth of alcohol is being drunk and yet you poison. I think you are poisoning the American people. I think it is wicked damnable, and if you can think of any other adjective, put it in".

Work on the nine-foot concrete road between Poplar Bluff and what is known as DeKen's ferry, over St. Francis River, 12 miles southeast of Poplar Bluff, will begin soon after January 1, according to plans being made by the State Highway Commission. The road will open up the route from Poplar Bluff into Dunklin County, thence into Arkansas.

W. H. Meredith of Poplar Bluff has returned from Washington, where he went in interest of the proposed hydroelectric dam and flood control project planned for Black River, 40 miles north of this city. He said that a letter was made before the Federal Power Commission for a permit to complete the survey on this project, which permit the commission to issue assurance would be issued as soon as complete maps are filed.

That the development of huge cobalt deposits in Africa have forced the closing of the plants of the Missouri Cobalt Co. is contained in a statement by the company's managing director, Henry Kirkpatrick of Ottawa, Canada, who came here to make arrangements for the closing of the local mines. "The reason for the present turn of affairs is found in the strong foreign competition in the cobalt market," Kirkpatrick said.

SOME SCOTT COUNTY REAL ESTATE SALES

Ara Hanner to Mrs. M. F. Darby lots 1, 2 blk. 8, lots 7, 8 block 4 Parkland addition Skeston, \$3000.

J. C. Wylie to J. C. Slinkard, lot 20 blk. 7 Chaffee, \$1.

S. E. Humphreys to G. C. Duncan lots 15, 16 blk. 9 Frisco addition Skeston, \$1.

Oscar Millsap to Homer Fowler lot 20 blk. 5 Chaffee, \$865.

J. P. Lightner to Mayme Waite, lot 25 blk. 45 Chaffee, \$100.

Clifford Brown to Tom Scott, 80 acres 8-27-16 \$1.

Alf Carr to Guy Reed, lot 19 blk. 8 Frisco addition Skeston, \$850.

Alf Carr to B. J. Reed, lot 19 blk. 8 Frisco addition, Skeston, \$350.

H. E. Lehman and J. F. Foster to Harry Buckles, lot 27 block 7 Chamber of Commerce addition Skeston, \$250.

Anna Miller to J. P. Morton, lots 17 18 block 6 Chaffee, \$1.

T. H. Wagner to T. P. Williams, lots 25, 26 blk. 4 Eastern A addition Chaffee, \$275.

Louis Hoffman to John Cotner, lot 6 blk. 3 Fairview addition, Skeston, \$65.

H. D. Rodgers, trustee Benton Community Club, to G. J. Arnold, lot 10 blk. 14 McPheters 2nd addition Benton, \$100.

H. D. Rodgers, trustee Benton Community Club, to R. M. Tirmenstein, lot 2 blk. 13, lot 9, blk. 14, McPheters 2nd addition Benton, \$200.

Henry Uelsman to Carolyn Bissell, lots 3, 4, 5 blk. 4 Uelsman addition, Illinois, \$500.

Louis Brockmire to F. J. Trapp, lot 29 blk. 40 Chaffee, \$1100.

J. F. Hinkle to A. M. Merick, lots 1, 2 blk. 13 Chaffee, \$600.

E. A. Dye to Joseph Sietmann, lots 14, 15, 16 block 1 Parkland addition Skeston, \$1.

C. D. Matthews, Jr. to Nannie Myers, Clyde Meyers, Marshall Meyers and Dona Brown, lot 11, blk. 14 Chamber of Commerce addition Skeston, \$1.

Pearl McGraw to Essie Stone, lots 9, 10, blk. 2 McGraw 1st addition Oan, exchange of property.

G. B. Murray to Charlie Wilson, lot 10 blk. 4 Rockview, \$100.

J. W. Kirkpatrick to directors of Richtstadt consolidated school district 1 acre 22-27-15, \$150.

Frank Klipfel to Mrs. Louis Klipfel, 192 acres 9-23-13, \$1.

Richmond Sanders to Yancey Sanders, 10 acres 26-29-14, \$90.

H. A. Osman to Ben Snider, lot 10 block 13 Chaffee, \$1.

John Healy to Jim Fulkerson, lot 4 blk. 18 Chamber of Commerce addition Skeston \$1500.

John D. Halter to Victor Heisserer, 97.985 acres 26-29-12, \$1.

A. F. Slinkard to John O'Hara lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 block 54 McCoy-anner 9th addition Skeston, \$1.

J. E. Morrow to Silas Butler, lot 1 School addition Benton, \$1300.

J. P. Lightner to J. H. Boardman lot 9 block 2 Fairview addition Skeston, \$25.

Homer aCroll to Frank Coats, lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 block 8 Hardy & Keely addition Fornfelt, \$1400.

Claude Hay to Susan Hay part lot 2 Mathews addition Skeston, \$1.

J. E. Smith, Sr. to Wm. R. Smith lots 18, 19, 20 blk. 4 Skeston, \$1.

A. W. Mites to Marion Jewell, lots 3, 4 block 48 McCoy-Tanner 8th addition Skeston, \$400.

Geo. J. Arnold to Thomas Simmons

Notice of Administration

Notice Is Hereby Given, That Letters of Administration on the estate of Thomas M. Bloomfield, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 9th day of December, 1924, by the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

ZADA A. BLOOMFIELD, Administratrix
WITNESS my hand and seal of the (SEAL) Probate Court of Scott county.

THOS. B. DUDLEY, Probate Judge.

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80 acres 21-28-14, \$6000.

Charley James to W. O. Fassold, lots 1, 2 block 7 Wells addition Fornfelt, \$1.—Benton Democrat.

Probate Court News

Caleb Mathews makes final settlement in estate of Mary Kapler showing balance of \$261.58 and he is discharged.

M. G. Gresham makes final settlement in estate of Anna Crissenberry and he is discharged.

R. L. Buck, executor W. W. Robertson estate, shows balance of \$72.03 in final settlement for payment of fifth class claims.

Will of J. B. Quigley is admitted to probate and Tena Quigley is appointed executrix without bond. A. Baudendistel and W. L. Tomlinson are to help in making an inventory of estate.

Will of Alexander Henderson is admitted to probate and S. J. Wade is appointed executor without bond.

Mrs. Fannie Belk makes final settlement in estate of Wm. Belk and is discharged as administratrix.

Ordered that Issie McCullough, guardian for Mason and Norvell Emerson, renew loan on 160 acres belonging in part to said minors.

H. D. Rodgers is appointed special appraiser to assess and appraise any tax or transfer of property belonging to estate of Annetta Harness.

B. E. Ramsey is appointed guardian of James Joyce, with bond at \$100.

C. M. Wylie, guardian for Remous Warren, gets \$25 clothing appropriation.

C. M. Wylie, guardian for Pearl Triplett, gets \$25 clothing appropriation.

Joe Hutchason, guardian for Ben Hutchason, gets \$50 clothing appropriation.

Alvin Papin is appointed administrator of the George Wiley estate, bond at \$6000. Said deceased left no widow nor children surviving him and no known heirs.

R. W. Finley, L. C. Bispinbhoft and F. G. Packwood were appointed witnesses to the inventory.

Nancy Brumit is appointed guardian of Mary Brumit et al, with bond at \$300, signed by W. B. Brent, J. S. Peal and F. L. Ogilvie.

The will of Ben Eftink is admitted to probate and John and Henry Eftink are appointed appraisers, without bond. Frank Klipfel, Mike Brucker, Jr. and John Harrell are appointed appraisers.

Will of Frances Hogan is admitted

to probate and Frank Merritt is appointed administrator with bond at \$1500, signed by Grover Brown, Grant Martin and O. T. Pfeifferkorn. L. C. Leslie, Lila Daugherty and E. Daugherty are appointed to assist him in making an inventory of said estate.

Ordered that Mrs. Lula Greer be allowed \$400 as her absolute allowance as widow and \$400 subsistence, from estate of Elisha Greer.

Stephen Barton is given attorney fee allowance of \$50 in estate of Florian Ressell.—Benton Democrat.

The Service of Samuel Gompers

Born in Spitalfield of the very humblest parents, apprenticed in early life as a cigar-maker, and supporting himself by the labor of his hands during the first third of his life, Samuel Gompers came, if not "to stand before kings", at least to meet on equal terms men of the highest standing in industry, commerce and politics. For many years a door in the office of the Civic Federation, high up in the Metropolitan tower in New York City, bore in curious juxtaposition the two names, "Aug. Belmont" and "Samuel Gompers".

The one stood as the most complete type of the capitalist, the other as the foremost Labor leader of his time. They co-operated in the work of harmonizing the social factors to which each belonged. By a strange coincidence the two laid down their earthly labors in the same week.

In his day Mr. Gompers had seen a notable advance in the power, and a tremendous improvement in the conditions, of labor. For both, he was largely responsible. If there be those and indeed there are many, who look upon him with a certain aversion, as one responsible for burdensome and irritating exactions of organized Labor, let them bear in mind that he stood determinedly and effectively against its alliance either with the Socialism of ten years ago or with the Bolshevism of today. Nor should his earnest support of the Government in the World War be forgotten.

Samuel Gompers was essentially a conservative force. To many social reformers he seemed to lack vision. He was a trade-unionist first, last and all the time. The wider outlook which characterizes the statesman was denied him. He was a bitter foe of prohibition, looking upon it as class legislation, and blind to the benefits it conferred on the very class he served. His struggle, his program, back Federation of Labor, was for the reduction of the hours of labor to an

of which he held the forces of the eight-hour day in all industries; a standard and adequate living wage; equal pay for men and women for equal work, and prohibition of child labor. To attain these ends he had recourse only to the solidarity of Labor, having for his one weapon the strike or the threat of a strike. Through practically his whole life he opposed the employment of Labor as a political force. The indorsement of the La Follette platform and ticket in the last campaign was the first concession he ever made to the demand that Labor as an organization should go into politics.

There will be many views as to whether Mr. Gompers was a leader always wise, or as to whether the ultimate effect of his policy of universal organization of Labor accompanied by restriction of output, conferred

upon those benefiting by it advantages commensurate with the injury it effected upon industry as a whole. That question will always be debatable but one thing to his credit in his career cannot be gainsaid by the most determined opponents of organized Labor. He was always the friend of tolerant and friendly discussion between the opposing parties to a Labor quarrel, and to this very last day he stood an indomitable and impassable barrier against the inroads upon American Labor of anarchistic, socialistic, or Bolshevistic importations from abroad.—Christian Science Monitor.

Remains of an Indian village estimated to be 2000 years old have been found near he Dalles, Oregon, buried under more than twelve feet of stratified deposits.

Captain Robert Dollar, owner of the Dollar Steamship Company, is said to be the "Capp Ricks" of Peter B. Kyne's stories.

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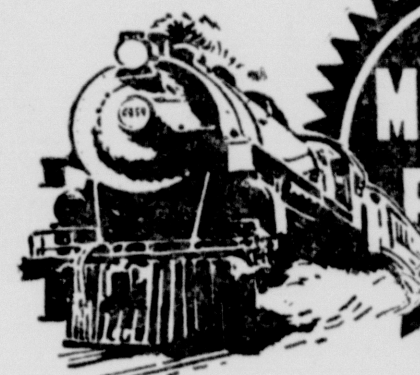
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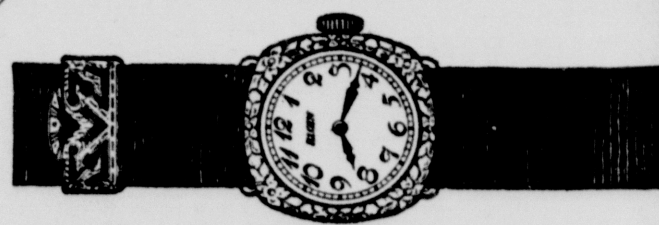
Notice is hereby given that I will have C. L. Blanton, Jr., receive taxes at Skeston from December 1st to December 31st. Office at City Hall, Skeston, Missouri.

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S. N. Shepherd, Collector City of Skeston

FARM CENSUS ENUMERATION WELL UNDER WAY

The work of taking the agricultural census in the six district of Missouri has progressed to the point where practically all of the districts in every county are being enumerated. A number of enumerators report their intentions of completing the work by January 1st.

Scott County, which has six districts, is being enumerated by the following appointees:

No. 68—Commerce and Tywappity, Carl O. Luper.

No. 68 a—Moreland—A. E. Wilhelm.

No. 69—Kelso—Nick Menz.

No. 70—Morley—Mrs. Neely Miller.

No. 70a—Richland and Sandy Woods—Jes. W. Meyers.

No. 71—Sylvania—C. W. Bollinger.

In some sections, farmers have been misinformed as to the purpose of taking the farm census of January, 1925.

In order that the public may understand what it is all about, we wish to say that the United States Department of Agriculture, co-operating with the Bureau of the Census, has been authorized by the Federal Government, to take such a census every ten years, for the purpose of securing figures and information which will aid in the publication of crop estimates.

With the figures at hand from this census, the Federal Government will be able to inform the farmers of the United States with considerable accuracy, of the number of live stock on farms from year to year, and the increase or decrease in crop acreage. This will help farm-

ers of Missouri, as well as in other sections of the country to regulate their production so as to avoid over production and the consequent low prices that follow. The census will therefore be of considerable benefit to all farmers who will take advantage of the reports made from time to time by the United States Department of Agriculture.

The census enumerators are under oath not to divulge the information which they secure to any one excepting the officials of the census bureau. The totals for each county and state will only be used in a public way. No farmers need feel that their names will ever be connected with any publications of the census department, nor need any one have alarm over the use of schedules in making tax assessments. The tax officials of Scott County will not be permitted to use the data secured for making tax returns.

It is hoped that the farmers of Scott County will assist enumerators in completing the records for each district as rapidly as possible by looking over the sample schedules which were mailed out some time ago and by having at hand the information which each enumerator should place on the schedule for the farm being enumerated.

It is believed that any farmer or land owner, who reads this article, will not refuse to give any information desired. If folks will be fair minded, they will understand that the farm census is designed to help, rather than hinder farm operations, and that it is done in strict confidence and will never react to their disadvantage.

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"TONGUES OF FLAME" BIG MEIGHAN-PARAMOUNT FILM

"Tongues of Flame", adapted from the novel by that name by Peter Clark Macfarlane, brings Thomas Meighan to the screen at the Malone Theatre next Wednesday and Thursday in the kind of a role in which the public likes him best.

In the Paramount picture directed by Joseph Henabery, the man who made "A Sainted Devil", Tom plays "Hell Fire" Harrington, recently returned World War veteran who takes up the practice of law in a one-horse town. And it is only half-heartedly that Harrington enters upon this profession. He has been "over there", seen all there is to life, as he thinks. Anything that happens now is of little consequence.

It is not long before Harrington discovers that he has missed the most wonderful thing in life—romance. And it is a double-barreled romance, at that! Harrington's position in the firm of John Boland, the town capitalist, brings on a delightful affair with the millionaire's beautiful daughter, Billie. The other girl in the case is a little Indian school teacher who worships Harrington in silence.

Boland's business tactics are not as straightforward as they might be and Lahleat, the little Indian girl, tells Meighan how her people were once swindled out of their land and she fears the same thing is to happen again. Harrington promises to protect them. And it is this promise that starts all the trouble.

Boland tries to "frame" Harrington and from this point on "Tongues of Flame" builds to one of the most gripping "smash"—climaxes ever seen in pictures.

Bessie Love plays the role of the half-breed girl, Lahleat. Eileen Percy is cast as Billie Boland and Burton Churchill is her father. Cyril Ring, Nick Thompson and others complete the strong support cast.

MISSOURI'S BOOT A CORNUCOPIA

Missouri's farm land has been increased by the addition of three million acres of rich black alluvial soil for which its fertile river valleys are justly famous. This addition comes through what the engineers describe as "the world's greatest drainage project" in the lower course of the St. Francis River. The particular section which thus profits is the "Missouri Boot", the extension of the southeastern corner of Missouri into territory which the northern Arkansas say is a part of their state.

When Missouri put over the deal that gave the state this extension the Boot was as unpromising a bit of landscape as could be seen west of the Mississippi. It was covered with malaria breeding swamps and a thick tangle of underbrush and the superstitious negroes declared that they could still get whiffs from the sulphur fires that burned down below—to them it was a hoodooed land.

It was in fact, the section of this country which was shaken up, so far as the early Americans knew, by the first really disastrous American earthquake. According to tradition, before this earthquake the river banks were steep bluffs and the land back of them high and healthful. When the earth tremors had subsided New Madrid, the chief town of the region, was in ruins the land was partly under water, chains of new lakes had come into existence and the courses of the streams had changed.

Every person seemed to lose interest in such an uncertain and treacherous country except Col. John Walker, a Missouri cattle man who owned a ranch below New Madrid and was not to be frightened away by earthquakes. Col. Walker was a patriotic Missourian and simply because his ranch was south of the line agreed upon by the authorities in Washington was to him no reason that he should be deprived of his stathood. He entertained the surveyors who came to mark the boundary so generously that they dropped the line fifty miles south to include his property. Nobody objected, and so it has stood despite the occasional remonstrance of some Arkansan.

On this once neglected region villages have sprung up in the last half century. The fertility of the soil attracted the farmer and the stock man, but there still remained a vast tract which they were unable to bring into profitable cultivation. The state of Missouri began an investigation several years ago, and as a result planned the reclamation scheme which is now nearing completion. It was a big undertaking, and the engineers estimate that in the constructive works the volume of the excavation exceeds that of the excavation in the building of the Panama Canal. Dikes were built against the high waters of the Mississippi, 700 miles of ditches and canals were dug to carry off the stagnant water and streams were diverted to avoid future dangers from spring and fall freshets.

The training of the regions has left it free from its former terrors of malaria and mosquitoes, and, says the Missouri official report, homeseekers have poured into the country by thousands. The next crop reports of Missouri will show an increase in the production of corn, wheat and cotton, and the state may credit a good share of this gain to the little southward jog in its state boundary.—New York Sun.

Colleen Moore, the "Flaming Youth Girl", the acknowledged perfect flapper of the screen, has turned her back on hoydenish flapper roles for the time being. In "Flirting With Love", the comedy drama of stage life, coming to the Malone Theatre next Friday, she demonstrates that she is just as much at home in parts calling for emotional dramatic acting as she is in roles of lighter vein.

In this First National picture versatile Colleen shares the co-featureing honors with Conway Tearle and is supported by a well-balanced cast, containing such names as Winifred Bryson, Frances Raymond, John Patrick, Alan Roscoe, William Gould and Marga La Rubia.

Directed by John Francis Dillon, who handled the megaphone on "The Perfect Flapper" and "Flaming Youth", two of Miss Moore's most recent outstanding successes, "Flirting With Love", unique as to plot and story construction, is sure to please the picture patrons who have enjoyed Miss Moore's past screen work.

Miss Moore enacts the role of a highly temperamental actress a star

in musical comedies the success of which has been based on the risqué nature of their plot. Her new show is closed through the instrumentality of a stage reformer, a part played by Mr. Tearle. The actress pretends to lose her memory and wanders into the home of the reformer, who also is a student of psychology, planning to deceive him into believing that she is a subject for psychological study and then to ridicule him publicly.

Miss Moore's part calls for a difficult type of acting, for throughout the play she really enacts two roles—that of the temperamental actress and that of the "amnesia victim", a demure, modest and shy young woman, the antithesis of the blase stage performer.

Negro Population Increased in Southeast Missouri

Jefferson City, Dec. 18.—In its third biennial report to be submitted to the General Assembly when it meets in January, the Negro Industrial Commission, through Secretary Robert S. Cobb, devotes a chapter on the negro in Southeast Missouri.

The report says in part:

"With a large increase in cotton acreage in Southeast Missouri there has been a correspondingly large increase in negro population in the last two years. Along the highways of the district may be seen hundreds of new houses built for the colored families who have moved into the country and these houses are, as a rule, much better than those furnished in the Southern states for colored tenant farmers and cotton field hands.

"Many schools for colored children have been established in the district and the best available teachers are being secured. During last summer a training school for colored teachers was conducted at Cape Girardeau to furnish more efficient teachers for the schools of Southeast Missouri.

"The negro farm hand or tenant in Southeast Missouri must determine to make good in carrying out his part of the obligations of life if his residence is to remain permanent and his prosperity to continue. We must bear in mind that Southeast Missouri is a country of greatly diversified farming opportunities and that if cotton proves too costly a crop, there will be a greater return to crops of other sorts and the need for the negro farmer lessened.

"He must also realize that he has not behind him the many years of tradition that have bound him to the Southland, and that in many places of Southeast Missouri the negro is for the first time being admitted as a citizen. His continued citizenship in such communities rests entirely upon himself—upon his industry, his

reliability, and his desire to prove himself worthy of a citizenship under the new conditions."

Fred Matthews of Memphis, Tenn., will spend Christmas Day with home-folks.

Dick Stubbs, who is attending the State University, Columbia, arrived home Friday morning to spend the holidays with relatives.

Gordon Blanton has secured the services of Wm. Patterson to deliver The Saturday Evening Post to his customers during his absence from the city.

Upsetting the plans of the Democrats and Republicans in the recent election, a woman's party appeared in Sunbeam, Colorado and succeeded in electing two constables and one justice of the peace. The names of the three women were written in on the ballot.

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